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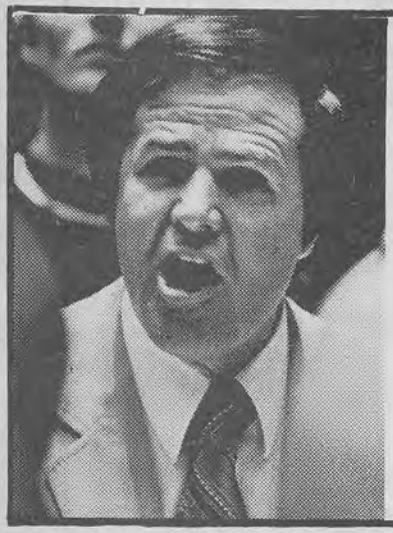

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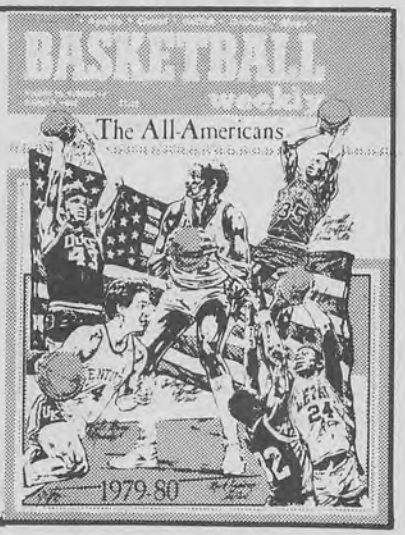

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The Stat-Key Annual enables the fan to estimate the point differences between the scores of opposing teams. The home court advantage (HCA) allows the fan to estimate the score of each of two opposing teams - an instant PrePlay of a game. The Stat-Key Annual allows the fan to readily compare and analyze the power of competing teams prior to game play. It offers the fan a key to the analysis of college basketball.

Developing the Stat-Key System

In the Stat-Key Table, each of 136 teams has a Power Rating and a Home Court Advantage (HCA). The ratings have been developed, for the coming season, by the Game Plan Analysts. In developing the Stat-Key Annual, the analysts thoroughly evaluate the factors that they feel most strongly influence (and reflect) a college basketball team's ability:

1. Each team's scoring record and final power ratings from the previous season.
2. Each team's losses and gains in personnel.
3. Junior college transfers.
4. Incoming freshmen who may have an immediate impact on the team's play.
5. Each team's detailed statistics from the previous season's play.
6. Changes in schedule and overall strengths and weaknesses of the conference or independent grouping.
7. Changes in coaching staff (and coaching methods).

The above factors are evaluated and quantified. Factors such as scoring record, whether a team is offense or defense "minded," losses and gains in key players and strengths of opponents are weighed more heavily than others. A relatively complicated process of analysis follows and eventually refined ratings (printed in the Stat-Key Table) are developed. These ratings then, represent each team's potential in terms of rated power at the start of the 1980-81 season.

No system can predict the outcome of basketball competition precisely. There are simply too many variables, many developing during actual game play. The tremendous excitement and spontaneity of basketball are indeed the main reasons for its great popularity as a spectator sport. Thus, the Stat-Key Annual is designed to: 1) provide the fan with basic estimates of team strength, which reflects a teams' ability; 2) make the fan aware of those factors (other than team strength) which influence the outcome of games; 3) encourage the fan to draw on his own knowledge of the game, and to employ his own judgment in weighing influencing factors; and 4) enable the fan to derive greater overall pleasure and satisfaction during the season.

Basketball, unlike many other team sports, retains much individuality by its participants. Some teams rely heavily on the play of a single, or perhaps two, key players and their performances can, and do, have a much greater impact on the outcome of contests. Because of the "individuality" which exists in basketball, we strongly urge you, the reader, to carefully go over the material contained on pages 14-15 (Adjusting and updating the Stat-Key System).

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Stat-Key National Preview

Two years ago, the DePaul Blue Demons made Coach Ray Meyer's "dream come true" when they advanced to the Final Four of the NCAA tournament. Last season, the No. 1 ranked Demons entered those same NCAA's as the favorite of many to win the national title, only to have their bubble burst (87-74) by the "Cinderella" UCLA Bruins in the West Regional quarter-finals. This time out, like that hit song of recent vintage put it: Ain't No Stopping Us Now!

With all the key players returning from last year's 26-2 team, led by GAMEPLAN All-America Mark Aguirre, the Chicago-based Blue Demons are on a collision course with the school's first-ever national crown. Aguirre, of couse, is only one of the sparkling stars in the DePaul galaxy of players, an "in your face" gang that R-U-N-S from the opening tip-off to the closing buzzer.

The second and third spots in our pre-season poll are filled by perennial powers Kentucky, coming off perhaps the best back-to-back recruiting years in NCAA history, and the aforementioned UCLA Bruins, a team that survived a so-so regular season last year to come within one game of winning the school's 11th national title. A potential "sleeper" in the NCAA championship race is our #4 pick Virginia, paced by brilliant guard Jeff Lamp and 7-4 sophomore center Ralph Sampson, the bulwards of the Cavalier team that won last year's NIT title.

Tightly bunched in the fifth, sixth and seventh slots are Ohio State, who needs only find a replacement for two-time All-Big 10 guard Kelvin Ransey; the Albert King-led Terrapin terrors from Maryland, primed to fulfill Coach Lefty Driesell's "UCLA of the East" prophesy, and; the Oregon State Beavers and ther All-American center, Steve Johnson, who made believers of most people last season by putting a decisive end to UCLA's dominance in the Pac-10.

After setting an all-time college basketball one-season team field goal shooting accuracy record in 79-80, the Missouri Tigers are "shooting" for bigger things this season -- like, a national crown. They will, however, have to settle for eighth best nationally, followed closely in our pre-season top ten by defending champion Louisville and Coach Bobby Knight's Indiana Hoosiers.

Heading up the so-called "second ten" are the San Francisco Dons, the most powerful West Coast team outside the Pac-10, but barely a step ahead of the "class" of the Southwest Conference (Arkansas) and the cream of the Eastern crops, Coach John Thompson's Georgetown Hoyas. Next comes LSU's Bayou Bengals, a team that would have been ranked higher than #14 had it not been for the untimely loss of forward DeWayne Scales, who by-passed his final year in favor of NBA Hardship status.

For the umpteenth year in a row, Coach Dean Smith's North Carolina Tarheels -- they of the endless substitutions -- will carve out a niche for themselves in the Top Twenty, landing in the 15th spot. And on the subject of venerable coaches, there are our #16 and #17 picks, Louie Carnesecca's St. John's Redmen and Digger Phelps' Notre Dame Fighting Irish, both classy ball clubs destined to forge out twenty-win seasons and NCAA tourney invites once again.

Wrapping up the pre-season top twenty are Bradley, Illinois and Texas-El Paso, all teams that made post-season appearances last season, and figure to do likewise this year. Bradley, in the Missouri Valley Conference, and Texas-El Paso (Western Athletic) will be pressured in their respective leagues by Wichita State and Utah, two prominent members of what we call our "Dirty Dozen."

What's the Dirty Dozen? Twelve teams left out of our Top Twenty grouping that could, given the right set of circumstances, make the Big Breakthrough. Joining Wichita State and Utah under the Dirty Dozen heading are: Florida State, Clemson, St. Joseph's (Pa.), Nevada-Las Vegas, Arizona State, Alabama, Texas A & M, Marquette, Iowa and Kansas.

Yet, when all is said and done, and the last shot of the 80-81 college basketball season has been taken, it will be the members of the DePaul Blue Demons who cut down the net following the championship game of next March's NCAA tournament. And there's hardly anyone who would argue that it couldn't happen to a more deserving person than Ray Meyer!

TOP TEAMS

as Rated by Stat-Key System

1. DePAUL
2. KENTUCKY
3. UCLA
4. VIRGINIA
5. OHIO STATE
6. MARYLAND
7. OREGON STATE
8. MISSOURI
9. LOUISVILLE
10. INDIANA
11. SAN FRANCISCO
12. ARKANSAS
13. GEORGETOWN
14. LSU
15. NORTH CAROLINA
16. ST. JOHN'S (NY)
17. NOTRE DAME
18. BRADLEY
19. ILLINOIS
20. TEXAS-EL PASO

Using The Stat-Key System

In the Stat-Key Table, each team has two ratings:

Power Rating (PR)
Home Court Advantage (HCA)

These ratings allow the user to:

1. Estimate the PROBABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SCORES of opposing teams.

The Power Rating of the lower rated team is deducted from the Power Rating of the higher rated team. In addition, the Home Court Advantage (HCA) must be added to the home team's Power Rating. The result is the number of points by which the higher rated team is expected to win.

Example:

*Kentucky Power Rating (Plus HCA) 121
Kansas Power Rating 107
Kentucky to win by ..... 14 points
*Home Team

2. In the case where teams are meeting on a neutral court the HCA is not used.

Example:

Kentucky Power rating 114
Kansas Power Rating 107
Kentucky to win by ..... 7 points

Stat-Key Rating Table for Start of 1980 Season

PR — Power Rating
HCA - Home Court Advantage

	PR	HCA
Alabama	106	5
Arizona	103	5
Arizona St.	106	6
Arkansas	110	6
Army	67	5
Auburn	99	5
Baylor	96	5
Boston College	98	5
Bradley	108	5
Brigham Young	105	6
Brown	78	4
California	101	5
Canisius	68	4
Cincinnati	97	5
Clemson	106	6
Colgate	68	4
Colorado	96	5
Colorado St.	94	5
Columbia	84	4
Connecticut	103	5
Cornell	74	4
Creighton	99	5
Dartmouth	82	4
Dayton	92	5
DePaul	115	6
Detroit	96	5
Drake	97	4
Duke	100	5
Duquesne	98	5
Florida	88	4
Florida St.	106	5
Furman	88	4
Georgia	103	5
Georgia Tech	93	4
Georgetown	110	5
George Washington	90	4
Harvard	86	4
Hawaii	90	5
Holy Cross	103	5
Houston	105	5
Illinois	108	6
Illinois St.	88	4
Indiana	111	6
Indiana St.	94	5
Iona	95	5

	PR	HCA
Iowa	106	6
Iowa St.	90	4
Jacksonville	94	5
Kansas	106	5
Kansas St.	105	5
Kentucky	114	6
LaSalle	92	4
LSU	110	5
Louisville	111	6
Loyola (Chi.)	98	4
Marquette	106	6
Maryland	112	5
Massachusetts	83	4
Memphis St.	102	5
Michigan	103	5
Michigan St.	97	5
Minnesota	104	5
Mississippi	100	5
Mississippi St.	94	4
Missouri	111	5
Navy	89	4
Nebraska	101	5
Nevada-LV	106	6
New Mexico	88	4
New Mexico St.	86	4
Niagara	68	4
North Carolina	109	5
NC-Charlotte	90	5
North Carolina St.	101	4
No. Texas State	86	4
Northwestern	91	4
Notre Dame	109	6
Ohio State	113	6
Oklahoma	92	4
Oklahoma City	92	5
Oklahoma State	85	4
Old Dominion	100	5
Oral Roberts	81	4
Oregon	102	5
Oregon State	112	6
Pennsylvania	97	5
Penn State	101	5
Pittsburgh	100	5
Princeton	94	5
Providence	96	5

	PR	HCA
Purdue	100	5
Rhode Island	98	5
Rice	92	5
Richmond	88	5
Rutgers	104	6
St. Bonaventure	95	5
St. John's	109	5
St. Joseph's	105	5
St. Louis	94	4
St. Peter's	100	5
San Diego State	92	4
Seton Hall	90	5
South Alabama	100	5
South Carolina	93	4
Southern Cal	104	5
Southern Illinois	89	4
SMU	92	5
Stanford	90	4
Syracuse	104	5
Temple	99	5
Tennessee	103	5
Texas	99	5
Texas A&M	106	5
TCU	88	4
Texas-El Paso	107	5
Texas Tech	97	5
Tulane	99	6
Tulsa	96	5
UCLA	114	6
Utah	106	6
Utah State	98	5
Vanderbilt	101	5
Villanova	100	6
Virginia	113	5
Va. Commonwealth	91	5
VPI	103	6
Wake Forest	103	5
Washington	96	5
Washington St.	90	4
West Texas State	101	5
West Virginia	94	5
Wichita State	105	5
Wisconsin	98	5
Wyoming	97	5
Yale	88	5

Adjusting Stat-Key™ Estimates

There are many factors other than team strength which influence the final outcome of games. Since the basic estimates derived from the Stat-Key Annual reflect the strength of competing teams under similar conditions, they will be expected to deviate from actual scores by amounts attributable to outside factors. That is, ideally, the less a game is influenced by outside factors, the closer the Stat-Key estimates should be to actual scores, and vice-versa. Thus, the basic estimates should be adjusted to some degree when such outside factors come into play. In most games, the effect of these factors will be nominal, while in others it can be significant to the point of being the cause of upsets.

Generally the point advantage for a given factor is from 1 to 10, depending of the degree of its (estimated) influence. Basic Stat-Key estimates may have to be adjusted for the following outside factors:

Strength of Opponents Played

A team is accustomed to playing comparatively strong teams will generally have an advantage over a team that has been up against weaker competition. Naturally this factor should be taken into account only after teams have played a portion of their schedule with one exception—. The stronger-weaker factor, in many cases, is especially important in the early part of the season since many teams open their schedule with three or four "weak sisters" before embarking on the conference, or heavy, portion of their slate.

Injuries

The number and seriousness of injuries incurred in previous play or practice will have a definite affect on a team's performance. More so in basketball than in many other sports, can an injury truly have a debilitating effect on a team's play. Losing a key player can turn a constant winner into an overnight loser. Clearly, this factor can be responsible for a great difference between basic estimates of and actual team performance.

Rivalry

In contests such as Army-Navy and UCLA-Notre Dame statistics generally go "out the window." Such games may be played once or twice a season by almost every team in the nation and receive a bit more pre-game preparation. Upsets occur in such games more often than not.

Home Court Advantage

The Home Court Advantage (HCA) has much more bearing in basketball than any other sport. Poor lighting, loudly cheering fans, "soft spots" on the court, the feeling (by the visiting team) of being "hemmed in" in a so-called "pit" all combine to make the HCA so important that we have already included it next to our total Power Rating for each team. The HCA is figured before the season begins and needs no adjustment during the course of the campaign. In cases where a team is moving into a new home court, our analysts have taken that into consideration.

Other Outside Factors

Among other outside factors are : Unconventional floor surface—A team used to playing on a wood surface is at a disadvantage when playing on a Tartan suface; Too many games in too short a span—A team which must play, for example, four games in six days, will certainly be at a disadvantage in the last game of that set; Exam layoffs—Unless a team needs the time to recover from injuries, exam layoffs are usually a disadvantage since momentum can definitely be lost during that period.

Periodic updating is an all-important aspect of the Stat-Key Annual because the potential of college basketball teams will usually undergo changes as the season progresses. Since each team's present ratings are based on their 1979-80 performances, as modified by evaluation of pre-season personnel changes (coaches and players), the accuracy of the present ratings can be justified only after actual game competition. It will be necessary to update the ratings after each week (and in some cases each game).

The number and degree of updating changes will be much greater initially than later in the season (as each team's actual strength becomes more apparent). The performance of most teams should be relatively in line with estimates based on present ratings.

The Game Plan Analysts perform weekly analyses of all games between the 136 rated teams. Many factors, including pre-game variables, are taken into account in determining updating requirements. To expect the reader to perform such complex weekly analysis would be out of line with our intention to keep the Stat-Key easy to use. To overcome this problem we have devised a simple formula employing the chart(opposite page) to accomplish "ball park" updating. While this method is not exactly the same as that employed by the GamePlan Analysts, the very nature of the simplified process (Difference Splitting) brings the updated ratings closer to actual team strength after each week of play.

Updating the Stat-Key System

THE UPDATING PROCEDURE

The updating procedure is based on the variance (error) between estimated and actual differences in scores (or how far off the estimates were from actual scores). Note that adjustment factors (explained on previous page) need not be taken into account in updating the basic ratings.

Updating is achieved with this easy to use chart -- The chart shows the number of points to be added to or deducted from team ratings for a given variance between the estimated and actual difference in scores.

VARIANCE:	POINT CHANGE In Power Rating
0 to 4	0
5 to 9	1
10 to 14	2
15 to 19	3
20 to 24	4
25 +	5

Example:

From Stat-Key Power Ratings
Kentucky to win over
Kansas by 7 points

Hypothetical Result of the Game
If Kentucky won by 14 points

Then Kentucky won by 7 more points than estimated (variance). The chart shows that the amount of correction to ratings for a 7 point variance is
Power Rating ..... 1 point.

That amount is added to the Power rating of the team that the variance was in favor of (Kentucky) and subtracted from the ratings of the other team (Kansas).

Thus the ratings would be updated as follows

Kentucky	**(PR)**
original rating	114
updated rating	115
Kansas	**(PR)**
original rating	107
updated rating	106

Notes: The Home Court Advantage (HCA) is never adjusted once the season begins. There is less need for adjustment as the season progresses. It is recommended that the *amount of adjustment be limited to a maximum of four points after the seventh game, three points after the 12th game and two points after the 17th game of the season for each team.*

To make the Stat-Key easier to use, we recommend the reader make up simple forms, similar in design to the Stat-Key Table. If updating is accomplished properly, the reader will enjoy the use of the Stat-Key system for the entire season.

1980-81 GamePlan All-Americans

First Team

C — STEVE JOHNSON, OREGON STATE
F — ALBERT KING, MARYLAND
F — MARK AGUIRRE, DePAUL
G — JEFF LAMP, VIRGINIA
G — DANNY AINGE, BRIGHAM YOUNG

Second Team

C — HERB WILLIAMS, OHIO STATE
F — DURAND MACKLIN, LSU
F — KELLY TRIPUCKA, NOTRE DAME
G — ROLANDO BLACKMAN, KANSAS ST.
G — ERIC FLOYD, GEORGETOWN

Third Team

C — DALE SOLOMON, VIRGINIA TECH
F — LEWIS LLOYD, DRAKE
F — TERRY TEAGLE, BAYLOR
G — CLYDE BRADSHAW, DePAUL
G — ISIAH THOMAS, INDIANA

Frosh Team

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G — RALPH JACKSON, UCLA

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Ray Tolbert, Indiana
Tom Chambers, Utah
Alton Lister, Arizona State
Wallace Bryant, San Francisco
Allen Rayhorn, Northern Illinois
Scott Hastings, Arkansas
Andre Smith, Nebraska
Larry Nance, Clemson
John Pinone, Villanova
Anthony Burns, Texas-El Paso
Elvis Rolle, Florida State

Forwards
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Eddie Phillips, Alabama
Sam Bowie, Kentucky
Jay Vincent, Michigan State
Ron Cornelius, Pacific
Mitchell "J.J." Anderson, Bradley
Buck Williams, Maryland
Sidney Green, Nevada (Las Vegas)
Purvis Miller, Southern Cal
Gene Banks, Duke
Mike McGee, Michigan
Sam Clancy, Pittsburgh
Vernon Smith, Texas A&M
Kenny Page, New Mexico
Paul Thompson, Tulane
Earl Belcher, St. Bonaventure
Al Wood, North Carolina
Kelvin Troy, Rutgers
Jim McCloskey, Loyola (Cal.)
Curtis Berry, Missouri
Jimmy Wright, Rhode Island
Mike Perry, Richmond
Antoine Carr, Wichita State
Brian Jackson, Utah State
Kevin Boyle, Iowa
Eddie Johnson, Illinois
Ronnie McAdoo, Old Dominion
Mike Ferrara, Colgate

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Ray Blume, Oregon State
Charles "Tub" Bradley, Wyoming
Mickey Dillard, Florida State
Ethan Martin, LSU
Terry Adolph, West Texas State
Greg Manning, Maryland
Jack Moore, Nebraska
Mike Rhodes, Vanderbilt
Rod Foster, UCLA
Jo Jo Hunter, Colorado
U.S. Reed, Arkansas
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Rob Williams, Houston
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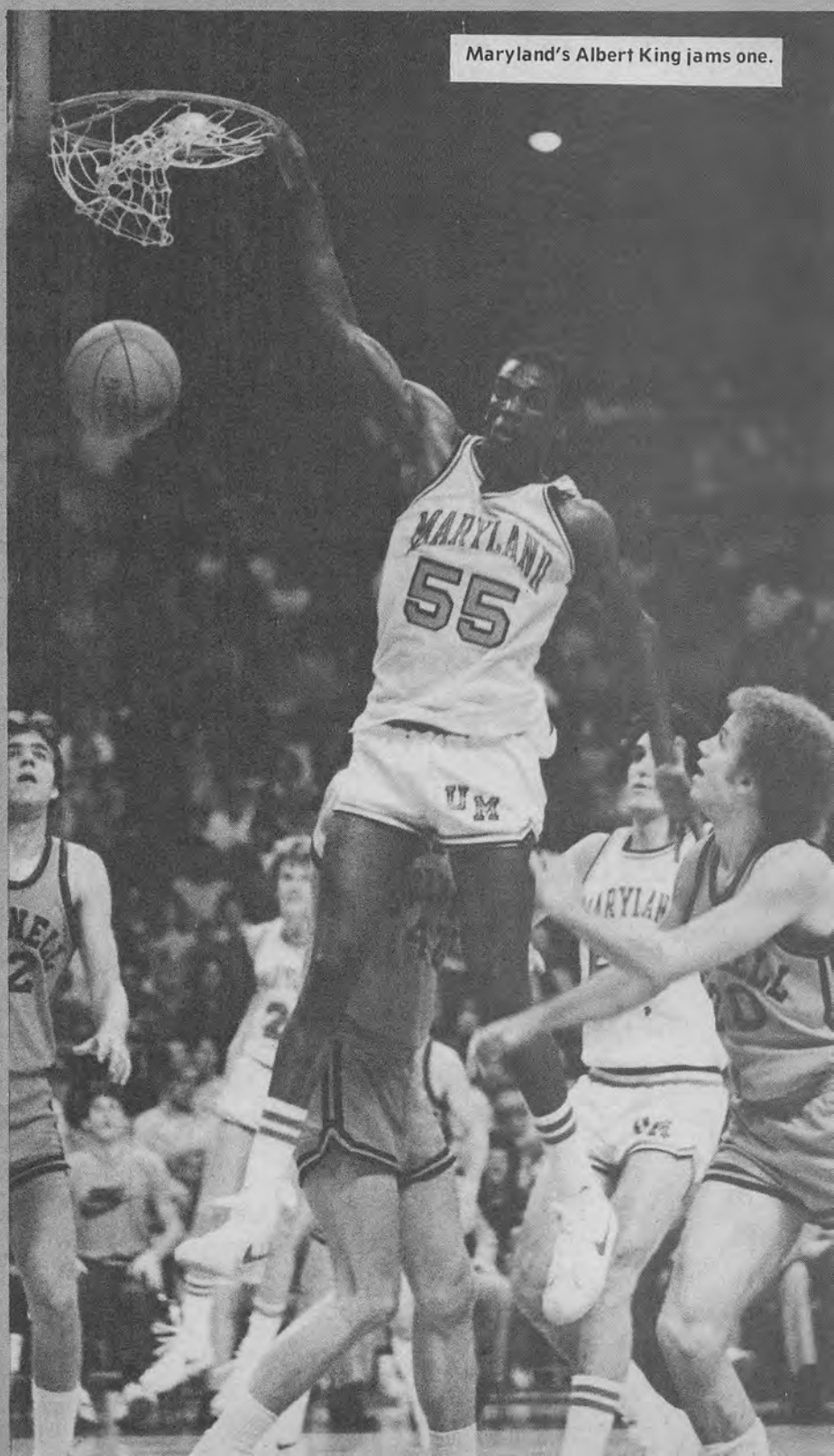

Maryland's Albert King jams one.

Atlantic Coast

Virginia (24-10)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Cavs came on strong at the end of the season and captured the NIT crown behind everyone's choice to be the next great pro center -- Ralph Sampson. He, who rejected a lucrative offer from the Boston Celtics. He, who rejected 157 shots last year. He, who was the MVP in the NIT. He, who led the ACC in rebounding (11.2). He, who averaged 14.9 points per game. He, who stands 7-4 and is the most intimidating center in collegiate basketball. He, who coach Terry Holland is counting on to lead his team to the ACC title and possibly the NCAA crown.

But it's not all Sampson in Charlottesville. In 6-6 senior guard Jeff Lamp (17.4), Virginia has another bona fide All-American. Lamp can do it all and is the real catalyst on the team. The other guard slot is capably filled by 6-4 junior Jeff Jones (6.6) who racked up a phenominal 200 assists a year ago. Help at the guards will come from freshmen -- 6-0 Othell Wilson and 5-10 Ricky Stokes who'll add some much needed quickness, the one commodity that was lacking last year.

Sampson's running mates up front both return to duty. In 6-5 senior Lee Raker (13.3/3.0) the Cavs have a player who can rip the nets with the best of them. Another senior, 6-8 Terry Gates (2.6/2.5), is the defensive specialist who usually guards the opposition's best point producer. He'll share time at forward with 6-8 sophomore Craig Robinson (3.6/2.4).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Sampson is undoubtedly the best big man in college ball today. But the Cavs better make hay this year cause we'd bet our last dollar he'll be in the pro ranks come next September. Lamp's presence will truly make this team one to be reckoned with and the lack of quickness should be taken care of by the newcomers at guard. Still the Cavs aren't shoe-ins to win the ACC title and we think they'll have trouble indeed unseating Maryland from the top spot. But the NCAA tourney could be another story and Virginia will go a long way in that shootout.

Maryland (24-7)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Terps finally won the ACC crown last year but it was crosstown rival Georgetown that did them in along the NCAA trail. With all five starters returning, coach Lefty Driesell's team is a force to be reckoned with again this year. Heading up the talented crew is 6-6 senior forward Albert King (21.7/6.7), the ACC Player of the Year last season and, barring injury, he'll become the all-time Terp scoring leader sometime this year. King passed up a sure six figure NBA contract by not going the hardship route in order to return to College Park and hopefully lead his team to a national title.

Starting opposite King, at the other forward, is 6-7 senior Ernest Graham (15.6/7.4) who has no qualms about throwing up 25 foot bombs when the mood strikes him. The frontcourt is rounded out by 6-8 junior center Buck Williams (15.5/10.1). A member of the U.S. Olympic team, Williams was never outscored by any opposing center he faced last year. The reserve strength up front is headed by 6-10 junior Taylor Baldwin (3.9/2.6), who was the only frontcourter, besides the starters, to see more than a minimum of action a year ago. The best of the rest is 6-9 sophomore Mark Fothergill. Lefty went to the JUCO ranks and came up with 6-8 junior Charles Pittman, a Williams type of hard nosed player. He also brought in 6-6 freshman Pete Holbert, a 30 ppg. performer from nearby Fairfax, Va.

The backcourt last year consisted of three players who handled all the duty. Foremost is 6-1 senior guard Greg Manning (15.7) who shot an amazing 64 per cent from the floor, tops in the nation among guards, which helped the Terps to a team percentage of 55.1, second best in the land. Manning's penetrating abilities also help set up his teammates. The other guard spot is occupied by 6-4 junior Reggie Jackson (5.1). In 6-2 junior Dutch Morely (3.1) the Terps have a much underrated performer who only needs more floor time to show his excellence. Help is also expected from 6-1 freshman Steve Rivers, a standout prepster from Long Island.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The only thing lacking last year was depth and the newcomers should solve that problem. In King, Williams and Graham the Terps have one of the best frontcourts in the land. Manning is a "no mistakes" player who can do it all at guard. The schedule is rugged but the Terps showed the propencity to rise to the occasion last time around. We like their chances of repeating as ACC champs and they'll go as far as King and Company can take them in the NCAA playoffs and that could very well be all the way.

North Carolina (21-8)

Starters Returning - 1 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

If ever coach Dean Smith had his work cut out for him its this year. He lost four starters to graduation and they, plus another Tar Heel, were all drafted by NBA teams. But Smith's recruiting is second to none and it'll just be a matter of time till his charges are back on top. How much time is the 64 thousand dollar question! Smith will build this year's edition around two very good players.

First and foremost is 6-6 junior forward Al Wood (19.0/5.2). He's and all over the court guy who Smith is counting on to take charge. The other, a budding superstar, is 6-8 sophomore forward James Worthy (12.5/7.4). Worthy looked like the second coming till he broke his ankle midway through last year's action. The best returnee in the pivot is 6-8 senior Pete Budko (2.0/2.2). But Smith has brought in two tall timber types who'll vye for immediate action. The best is 6-9 Sam Perkins. The other is 6-11 Timo Makkonen. Also on hand up front is another fine recruit, 6-7 Matt Doherty who can also play the big guard role.

He could eleviate what may be a problem in the backcourt since graduation hit very hard. Holdovers include 6-6 senior Eric Kenny (0.5); 6-2 junior Jimmy Black (5.0) and 6-1 sophomore Jim Braddock (1.7), the latter two at point guard. Also in the hunt is 6-6 frosh recruit Cecil Exum.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The last time the Tar Heels didn't win at least 20 was a decade ago. In Wood and Worthy Smith has two exceptional players -- but what team in the ACC doesn't have at least a pair of blue chippers. That means the newcomers will have to produce right away. And they're faced with a tremendously rugged schedule. For one of the few times in Smith's career his team will not be favored to win the league crown and we feel Carolina will have to struggle to gain a third place finish and keep their 20 wins per season string intact.

Clemson (23-9)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

What do you do when one of your departed players was a second round NBA draftee (Billy Williams)? You cry a lot. But when another was a third round pick (John Campbell) you bawl all night. However Clemson mentor Bill Foster isn't shedding any tears. He's telling the holdovers that they've got to play harder. The best of those returnees is 6-10 senior Larry Nance (13.9/8.1). Nance played forward last year while Campbell held down the middle. This year Nance will be in the post position. He'll be flanked, on one side, by 6-10

junior Horace Wyatt (8.0/4.8) who would have scored at an even higher pace save for a broken hand suffered last February that slowed him down quite a bit. The other forward spot will be battled for by 6-8 sophomore Fred Gilliam (6.6/3.3) and 6-10 junior Bill Ross (2.3/1.4) who'll also spell Nance in the pivot. The lone frontline newcomer is 6-8 freshman Raymond Jones.

The critical area is the backcourt where Williams and also departed Bobby Conrad held the fort. Chris Dodds (5.9), a 6-1 junior, will get first crack at the point guard slot. The other is up for grabs. Hoping for duty is 6-4 junior Mitchell Wiggins (5.5), who'll switch from small forward. A trio of freshman will also vye for action -- 6-7 Clarke Bynum, 6-2 Marc Campbell and 6-7 Vince Hamilton. Bynum has the best shot at immediately cracking the starting five.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Losing a trio like Williams, Campbell and Conrad will severely test Foster's coaching abilities. Nance and Wyatt are solid performers but the backcourt situation is perilous. Bynum has the makings of a super player but may need a full season to get his feet wet. That makes us believe the best Tiger faithful can look for is a fourth place finish this year.

Wake Forest (13-14)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Deacons crept closer to the .500 level last season, and with all five 79-80 regulars -- plus redshirted All-ACC guard Frank Johnson -- holding over, Coach Carl Tacy's team could rip right through that barrier this season. The key is backcourt wizard Johnson, laid up last season with a broken foot, who will give the Deacons two vital elements they lacked in his absence -- leadership and outside shooting.

Johnson, a 6-2 senior, dropped in 16 points and handed out 81 assists in 78-79, figures he should emulate again not that he's 100% physically. He will be paired out front with 6-4 junior Mike Helms (11.5), last year's No. 2 scorer and top assister with 93. Helms forte is leading the fast break. Reserve strength at the guards will come from 6-2 sophomore Kenny Vaughns (0.9), who endured a rough frosh campaign, along with freshmen Scott Davis, 6-2, and Danny Young, 6-3. Davis is the younger brother of Mickey and Brad Davis, star college players at Duquesne and Maryland, respectively, prior to entering the NBA.

The starting front line cast returns intact in the junior trio of 6-6 Alvis Rogers (15.4/6.6), 6-8 Guy Morgan (11.4/7.3) and 6-10 Jim Johnstone (9.5/5.2). Veteran front liners are 6-6 senior Will Singleton (6.0/2.4) and 6-9 senior Chuck Dahms (3.9/2.5), while up from the prep ranks are 6-5 Glenn Maters and 6-9 Anthony Teachey. Mayers, a blue-chip prospect at small forward, was a scholastic All-America selection by both "Parade Magazine" and McDonald's.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Deacons biggest problem in climbing back above .500 is the simple fact they belong to the Atlantic Coast Conference, wherein annually reside some of college basketball's finest teams. The return of star guard Johnson will go a long way toward Wake Forest pushing back into the ranks of the winning, but notching sufficient victories for a first division ACC finish is another matter.

N. Carolina St. (20-8)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

New Wolfpack mentor Jim Valvano, late of Iona College fame, inherits all but two members of last year's NC State team that tied for second in the ACC and received an NCAA tourney invite. That's the good news. The bad news is that the pair lost, forward Hawkeye Whitney and guard Clyde Austin, were the biggest contributors in the club's 79-80 success. "I haven't seen the squad practice or play yet," Valvano commented recently, "but from watching (last year's) films, it's obvious that Whitney and Austin created or produced most of the points. That gives me some concern regarding our scoring output."

The top point maker returning is 6-4 senior guard/forward Kenny Matthews (7.7), a long-range deadeye who can raise havoc against zone defenses. When Matthews operates out of the backcourt, his sidekick at point guard will be 6-0 sophomore Sidney Lowe (5.7) who had 125 assists last season, second highest figure in NC State history. Lowe's former teammate at Washington, DC's DeMatha High, 6-1 soph Dereck Whittenburg (6.1) heads up the support cast out front, which also numbers 6-1 junior Max Perry and 6-1 soph Phil Weber, neither of whom saw much action last winter.

The front line revolves around 7-0 senior center Craig Watts (5.4/4.0), who shot at a blistering .659% pace from the floor in 79-80, with backup help from pencil-thin 7-5, 200-pound junior Chuck Nevitt (1.6/1.8). Stationed at one forward again is 6-7 senior Art Jones (6.4/3.6), while slated to take Hawkeye Whitney's place in the opposite corner is 6-11 sophomore Thurl Bailey (4.5/3.6). "We need to have a big year from our front court people," says first-year Coach Valvano. The chief reserve in this area is 6-7 junior Scott Parzych (3.7/2.0), while NC State's lone new recruit, 6-5 freshman Harold Thompson, could also be a major factor. Many regarded Thompson as the best prospect in North Carolina prep circles.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Jim Valvano took Iona College to the NCAAs his last two years there, but extending that string in his baptismal campaign at NC State will be a tough assignment. Graduation claimed the heart-and-soul of this club when Whitney and Austin departed, and while the Wolfpack is far from destitute in so far as remaining talent is concerned, we expect this to be a "transition" year for them as they adjust to their new skipper and try to make up for the losses cited -- and that could mean a drop into the second division of the powerful ACC in 80-81.

Duke (24-9)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Attention, Blue Devil cage fans, and suck in those guts! Because spit-and-polish decorum is coming to Durham in the person of new head coach Mike Krzyzewski, a 1969 graduate of the U.S. Military Acadamy at West Point, where he spent the past five years directing the Cadet cage team. The 33-year-old Krzyzewski, a Bobby Knight disciple who believes discipline is paramount to success at the major college level, inherits a Duke team that returns three starters from last year's NCAA Mideast Regional finalist. But the Blue Devil modus operandi will have to be altered, so its not so predominately inside-oriented after four years of Mike Gminski's dominating presence at center.

Gminski (21.3/10.9), a first round draft pick by the NBA's New Jersey Nets, leaves some big shoes to fill underneath the basket. So large, in fact, new skipper Krzyzewski is toying with the idea of using a three forward set-up, which means finding someone to unite with holdover regulars Gene Banks (17.3/7.7), a silky-smooth 6-7 cornerman who will probably follow in Gminski's footsteps as a first round NBA draft choice, and unselfish 6-8 Kenny Dennard (9.2/5.3). Banks and Dennard are seniors who have started next to each other since their frosh years. Nominees for the third full-time job are 6-6 senior Jim Suddath (2.8/1.6), the 6-8 sophomore duo of Mike Tissaw (1.0/1.0) and Allen Williams (2.2/1.7), plus 6-5 frosh swingman Doug McNeely.

With floor leader Bob Bender (158 assists) graduated, 6-5 junior speedster Vince Taylor (10.6) will be called on to shoulder point guard responsibilities. Taylor was third best assister last season with 82. His starting partner will be either 6-4 sophomore Chip Engelland (4.0) or 6-2 soph Tom Emma (1.8), both excellent shooters who can do in a zone defense quicker than the Hong Kong Flu. Emma led the team as a frosh in both field goal (.567%) and free throw (.857) accuracy.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Simply put, no basketball team can lose a Mike Gminski without hurting, and the Blue Devils are no exception. Forwards Banks and Dennard will do their best to keep inside play from sagging, but pounding the boards against generally taller opponents will take its toll as the year rolls along. Backcourt returnee Taylor should fit in well as the new playmaker, and the soph duo of Engelland and Emma will provide long-range scoring punch, another essential element in Duke's more spread-out offensive scheme. The Blue Devils from down Durham way made three straight NCAA Tournament trips under ex-mentor Bill Foster, but it looks as though that skein is going to end in Mike Krzyzewski's first tour of duty.

Georgia Tech (8-18)

Starters Returning - 1 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Yellow Jackets' first season of ACC play was a rocky one but they didn't expect anything else. They managed only one conference win (over Virginia) and finished mired in the basement. With only one starter returning, the picture isn't much brighter this year. Thank goodness that regular is a good one. We're speaking of 6-4 senior swingman Brooke Steppe (18.9/4.3). He'll probably go strictly at guard this year after playing a wing last season. That'll make it anyone's guess as to who'll occupy the other guard slot. The lone holdover is 6-3 sophomore George Thomas (3.2). He'll get competition from 6-4 junior transfer Stu Lyon and 6-4 JUCO transfer Bill Patterson.

The frontcourt situation is just as perilous. There's tall timber but is it of ACC caliber? In 7-0 junior Steve Neal (1.5/1.6) Tech could have a budding adequate center. 6-9 sophomore Steve Shaw (1.3/1.2) can play either at forward or in the post while 6-5 junior Fred Hall (1.3/0.9) is strictly a wing man. The best of the newcomers is 6-8 center-forward Dave Kowalski, a freshman. Also on hand are 6-9 junior Lee Goza, a JUCO import, and 6-8 freshman Greg Wilson along with 6-10 sophomore Dave Cole who missed all of last year's action.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Tech found out that switching from the Metro to the ACC was a move designed to stun anyone. Steppe is the lone proven performer on the squad and the newcomers don't have the credentials that titles are made of. In fact we'll be very surprised if this team can duplicate last year's league win total.

Sun Belt

South Alabama (23-6)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

With all the key players holding over from the Jaguar teams that have raced to back-to-back SBC titles and gone to the NCAAs the past two years, there's talk in Mobile about this season's club being a Top Twenty contender. That theory will be put to the test early in the 80-81 campaign, when the Jaguars go against a pair of ranking national powers, the defending NCAA champion Louisville Cardinals and a visit to Ohio State.

South Alabama's trump card is 6-7 senior forward Ed Rains (18.8/8.2), considered by some the best all-around player in Sun Belt history. A good bet to occupy the other forward spot is 6-8 junior Rory Whie, an all-league pick two years ago who missed all but one game last season with a knee injury, but is said to be 100% again. The remaining veteran cast up front is comprised of 6-7 junior Tony Hafley (8.9/5.9) and 6-9 senior John May (8.8/6.9), with the latest recruiting binge bringing in 6-8 sophomore transfer Emory Wells and 6-7 freshman Ben Raymond.

In the backcourt, holding over is the senior tandem of 6-3 Herb Andrew (11.7/112 assists) and 6-6 Scott Williams (8.0/87 assists), while experienced reserves are 6-5 junior John Bennett (2.1) and 6-5 sophomore Ric Scott (2.9). USA's search for a shooting guard turned by 6-3 JUCO product Damon Bryant and 6-2 freshman Jay Rich.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Jaguar fans have good reason to look forward to this season, since Coach Cliff Ellis' team has an excellent chance at making it three straight SBC titles. However, USA's quest for national recognition may be circumvented by their lack of a dominant center, a shortcoming that was evident last season when the Jaguars took it on the chin (70-62) from Alcorn State in the first-round of NCAA action.

Jacksonville (20-9)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Here's one for you trivia fans. Back in 1970, the Dolphins battled their way into the championship game of the NCAA tournament, losing to UCLA (80-69) despite a strong performance by 7-2 Artis Gilmore, currently a star in the NBA. The question is this: Who was the other seven-foot starter on that runner-up team? Give up! That's okay, only a true college basketball nut -- or somebody with a knack for remembering unforgetable data -- would be likely to recall the name of Pembrook Burrows, III.

What's that got to do with Coach Tates Locke's current Dolphins? They, too, lost a classy front courter when James Ray graduated, the only starter lost from last year's NIT club -- but a big loss! Holding down their customary inside spots are 6-5 junior Mike Hackett (13.8/7.7), who looks much quicker after dropping 20 pounds during the off-season, 6-7 junior Steve Tutson (8.4/4.3) and 6-7 junior Singh Guram (5.0/3.6), who split duties at one forward spot last winter. Certain to push for playing time in the corners is 6-6 freshman Andy Williams, a two-time South Carolina class 2A all-state selection. Trying to fill Ray's All-America shoes in the middle will be 6-9 junior Barlow Taylor (2.5/2.3) and 6-8 sophomore Linwood Davis (0.2/1.1).

Returning for more starting action at the guards are 6-3 senior Jimmy Martin (8.4) and 5-8 sophomore Maurice Roulhac (6.6/71 assists), voted last season's Sun Belt Freshman-of-the-Year. However, both will need maximum efforts to hold off a trio of backcourt prospects added as part of JU's latest talent hunt -- 6-5 JUCO import Terry Brush and the frosh tandem of 6-2 Garry Grier and 6-4 Harvin Council. Grier was rated the No. 1 guard prospect in the state of South Carolina by the nationally respected B/C Scouting Service.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The departure of James Ray, a first-round draftee of the NBA's Denver Nuggets, is bound to force Coach Locke into making some adjustments. But it's our feeling the Dolphins will handle that in stride, and while another 20-win season may be too much to ask against a grueling schedule, Jacksonville will play a major role in the Sun Belt title skirmish.

Va. Commonwealth (18-12)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Second-year VCU skipper J.D. Barnett approaches this season as if he were an alpinist preparing to ascend Mt. Everest. "We know that to get to the top of the mountain you must struggle up one step at a time. We made it to the first plateau last year with our appearance in the NCAA tournament."

However, the Rams may not be able to scale that high again unless Coach Barnett can find a "mountain" of his own to play the center position. Vying for that spot are 6-9 junior Kenny Stancell (6.0/4.6) and 6-11 sophomore Al Tyson, a transfer from East Carolina red-shirted last year. Forward play should be very solid, with returning regulars in 6-5 senior Danny Kottak (10.7/4.3) and 6-8 senior Greg McCray (8.0/5.1), plus a trio of freshmen recruits -- 6-6 Dan Faison, 6-7 Nathan Eley and 6-8 Donald Jones. Faison, a two-time all-state prep standout from Bartow, Florida, will push hardest for a starting role. The final new front liner, 6-10 frosh Jim Turns, is a pivot prospect who needs time to mature.

In the backcourt, VCU's standard bearer is 6-2 senior Edmund Sherod (11.7/163 assists), but the critical factor here is 6-3 junior Monty Knight's rehabilitation from off-season knee surgery. Knight led the 79-80 Rams in scoring at 16.6 per game and was named SBC first-team all-league. The other tested guard is 6-4 sophomore Greg Shropshire (3.3), while new on the scene are 6-3 freshmen Stanley Davis and Lewis Hackett.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Rams qualified for the NCAAs by virtue of winning the Sun Belt post-season tourney, then losing to eventual Final Four team Iowa (86-72) in the first round of the nationals. We fully expect Coach Barnett's second edition to rise to nearly the same level, but this won't be a truly dominant team unless one of the pivot prospects comes through.

N. Carolina-Charlotte (15-12)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Coach Mike Pratt of the 49ers is a colorful individual given to describing his players as "a glass eater," one who "blossomed like a flower," and another described as being "snake like" because of his quickness. But the UNCC skipper would probably trade all that for a "hoss" ala Cornbread Maxwell, the peerless center who led the 49ers to the NCAA's Final Four in 1977.

Missing from last year's fourth place SBC is only one regular, but that individual is all-league guard and first-

round NBA draft pick Chad Kinch. Set once more at the other backcourt spot is 6-3 junior Phil Ward (10.6), while filling Kinch's spot will be 6-3 senior Donnie Koonce (6.4), a starter at forward last season. Lettermen guards on hand include 6-5 junior Matt Houpt (4.3) and 6-1 junior Carter Seawell (0.8). Up from the prep ranks is 6-2 freshman Irvin Williamson, an all-stater from Reidsville, NC.

A battle-royale is anticipated for the center job, pitting the 6-9 senior duo of George Devone (7.4/5.6) and Roland VanDerBergh (3.3/2.5) against incoming 6-8 freshman Harrison Finklea and 6-9 JUCO transfer Larry Furlow. That is, if Furlow passes a summer school course that would make him academically eligible for this season. Preeminent among the forward vets is 6-6 senior Bobby Potts (13.9/6.2), a 79-80 regular, and 6-6 sophomore letterman Michael Johnson (4.8/2.4), while also prominent is 6-5 Tyrone Stephens, a freshman-eligible who sat out last year due to a hernia operation. Incoming frosh, both all-staters in their respective areas as prepsters, are 6-8 Melvin Johnson (Miami, FL) and 6-7 Reuben McDaniel (Austin, TX)

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The 49ers slipped dangerously close to a losing overall record last season, and now, their Mr. Clutch (Chad Kinch) is missing. Plus, the center spot is still an unresolved issue. Coach Pratt's 80-81 team should manage to forge out a winning record again despite all that, but the victory total may be no higher than a year ago.

Alabama-Birmingham (18-12)

Starters Returning - 1 **Schedule - Avg.**

Last year's Blazers lived up to their nickname by singeing the nets for more points than any other Sun Belt team. But the basket may seem like it's been declared "off limits" this season, unless replacements can be found for the top three scorers in 79-80, including two players selected in the NBA draft, Keith McCord and Larry Spicer.

Coach Gene Bartow will rebuild around a solid pair of guards, 6-4 junior Oliver Robinson (8.0) and 5-10 senior Glenn Marcus (4.4/86 assists). Despite his playmaking prowess, however, Marcus will be pushed by two newcomers, 6-3 JUCO transfer Jonath Nicholas and 6-4 freshman Luellen Foster.

Up front, 6-8 junior letterman Donnie Speer (4.5/2.1) and 6-10 junior Norm Anchrum, a transfer who red-shirted last year, will fight it out for pivot rights. Best of the veteran forwards are 6-6 senior Leon Morris, a defensive whiz who didn't play in 79-80, and 6-4 junior Raymond Gause (6.2/2.5). However, they could easily be passed over in favor of 6-5 junior Craig Lane, a JUCO All-America last year with norms of 25.2 points and 13.7 rebounds per game, and 6-9 freshman Russell Foster, a prep all-stater from Hapeville, Georgia who bucketed 24 ppg and yanked down 14 reebs an outing his final high school season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Blazers capped off a fine campaign with an NIT appearance, but they'll find it difficult to repeat that performance in 80-81. UAB's best players figure to be guards Robinson and Marcus, and JC import Lane will be another dandy if he lives up to his advance billing. Yet it's doubtful that will be enough for Coach Bartow's team to approach last year's success.

South Florida (6-21)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

Comedian Jackie Vernon complains he never has any good luck, but how about last year's Brahmans? First, they had to schedule their home games at four different sites in the Tampa Bay area when construction of the school's new Sun Dome stadium fell behind schedule. Then, to top it off, during the course of the 79-80 campaign, five USF cagers missed various amounts of playing time due to injuries. And Jackie Vernon thinks he's got it tough!

The 10,000-seat Sun Dome is finished now, and leading the Brahmans into their new playpen is first-year head coach Lee Rose, who directed Purdue to third place in last season's NCAA tournament. Rose's main emphasis will be on strengthening USF's rebounding game, and in that vein he brought in 6-9 Vince Reynolds, a JUCO All-America, and 6-8 Ingram Purvis, who originally started his college career at Oklahoma University. The rookie USF mentor will blend that pair with holdover front liners Rob Rutledge, a 6-6 senior limited by injury to just one game last season, 6-7 junior Jorge Azcoitia (11.4/4.5), 6-11 senior Willie Redden (10.0/5.9), 6-6 sophomore Lewis Shepard (4.7/2.3) and 6-9 senior John Grant (4.0/3.3).

USF's most lethal weapon is 6-3 junior guard Tony Grier (19.5), leading scorer in the Sun Belt as a soph, while feeding him again will be 6-3 junior Tony Washam (11.8/115 assists). The lone new backcourt recruit, 6-3 JC product David McGhee, is expected to challenge Washam for the point guard spot.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: New Brahman cage boss Lee Rose, who previously took both Purdue and North Carolina-Charlotte to the NCAA's Final Four, has our highest regard. And given some time, we can just about guarantee he will turn things around for South Florida, perhaps starting as early as this season when the USF team (with the extra impetus of their new Sun Dome) could push their victory total into double figures.

Georgia State (6-21)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

Coach Roger Couch's Panthers were anything but ferocious when it came to rebounding a year ago, getting beat by an average of 10.2 reebies per game. So, taking the bull by the horns, the GSU skipper went on a recruiting binge to add a "bull" underneath, a quest that turned up 6-9, 240-pound sophomore transfer Robert McQuire.

McQuire should start immediately at center, rounding out a front line that lists returning forward regulars in 6-6 junior Rondy Tucker (15.8/9.5) and 6-5 senior Don Ross (14.6/4.8). New cornermen added are JUCO products Archie Booker, 6-7, and Warren Webb, 6-6, as well as 6-5 freshman Sylvester Maddox.

The chief graduation loss came in the backcourt, where ace playmaker Jeff Stackhouse no longer holds forth. Lettermen guards still on call are 6-2 Darryl Benton (6.4), 6-4 junior Rexford Gaugh (3.1) and 6-4 senior Don Ross (2.7). None, however, is assured of starting status. The reason? A trio of newcomers, two of the JUCO variety (6-1 Franklin Bennett and 6-3 George Ramsey) and one frosh backcourter, 6-0 Anthony Graham. Bennett was a key member of last year's Western Texas (Snyder, TX) team that won the junior college national championship.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Panthers still have some maturing to do before they'll be ready to challenge for first division honors in the Sun Belt Conference. The addition of big man McQuire, plus several other good-looking newcomers to team with forward ace Tucker should add up to more than last year's six victory total. But the Panthers still don't figure to climb above .500.

Others

Old Dominion (25-5)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Last year marked the first time in school history the Big Blue was invited to the NCAA's Division I post-season tournament. It won't be their last appearance! Coach Paul Webb, in his sixth year at ODU, has laid in a solid foundation upon which to build for the future, each year strengthening the structure even more with his latest recruits. The end product? S-U-C-C-E-S-S!

Webb's biggest assignment his season will be replacing school career scoring champ Ronnie Valentine, an All-America forward and early NBA draft pick. The Monarchs do return the other two-thirds of the starting front line, 6-6 junior Ronnie McAdoo (14.4/7.3) and 6-10 sophomore Mark West (4.8/7.1). The Big Blue will look for increased scoring from West, as they will from fellow sophs, 6-10 Bert Kragtwijk (2.6/3.2) and 6-7 Tim Southerland (0.9/1.7). There is also talk about employing a two center set-up incorporating West and Kragtwijk, with relief from 6-10 junior Erik Griekspoor (1.9/1.0). Up front newcomers are 6-8 JUCO transfer Tom Perry and 6-7 freshman Ray Broxton.

One guard spot will be held down again by 6-1 sophomore Grant Robinson (7.8/138 assists), while a scrap is foreseen at the other backcourt position between 6-2 senior Bobby Vaughan (9.2) and 6-4 junior Billy Mann (7.3). The Monarchs have a valuable utility man in 6-5 junior Tommy Branch (9.5), who can fill in at guard or forward, and they also hope to see more of 6-2 sophomore Ricky Adams (2.2), an injury casualty just five games into his frosh campaign.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Monarchs tied a school record with their 25 wins, and the talent is on hand (even with Valentine's graduation) to win around twenty again. There's no real stars on this team, per se, just excellent balance and depth at every position. Using that leverage, ODU will come close to duplicating their 79-80 win total, and a second straight NCAA tournament appearance could be in the offing as well.

Richmond (13-14)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

With almost everyone back in tow, the Spiders are apparently ready to inflict some damage this year. The bellweather of the squad is 6-5 senior forward Mike Perry (19.1/6.1) who was named to some All-American teams last year. He's pumped through 1,485 points in three years. The other forward spot belongs to 6-6 junior John Schweitz (17.7/5.0). The pivot post was captured last year by 6-10 sophomore Jeff Pehl (6.0/4.3) and much bigger things are expected this time around since he now has that much needed yearling experience under his belt.

Another sophomore, 6-6 Andy Heher (6.2) returns to duty. He's listed as a forward but is truly a perimeter player who roams the corners. The playmaking is handled by 6-0 sophomore Doug Mills (5.5) who dished out 64 assists last year. Among the newcomers there's 6-2 frosh guard Terry Polnitz who averaged 33.7 per game as a prepster but played his high school ball against very weak opposition which makes him a question mark in the big time. Also coming in is 6-1 Brian Sheahan from Washington's DeMatha High School, one of the perennial best institutions at producing major college material.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The one-two scoring punch of Perry and Schweitz will be a force that must be reckoned with. If Pehl continues to improve at center then the front line will be awesome. Not so for the backcourt where some additional point production is needed. Still, the Spiders figure to finish on the plus side this year for the first time in four campaigns.

William & Mary (12-15)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

It was very easy to spot a William & Mary basketball fan last season. He or she was the one with their fingernails chewed down to the quick, the haggard look and the nervous twitch in one eye. All the result of having S-U-F-F-E-R-E-D through a campaign that saw Coach Barry Parkhill's team lose six games by a margin of three points or less, while the Indians themselves won three contests by a single point.

Coach Parkhill welcomes back everyone from last year's "gut wrencher" team, including the starting front line of 6-5 senior Scott Whitley (13.4/3.8), W&M's top scorer the past two years, 6-6 junior forward partner Dale Moats (5.9/2.6) and 6-9 junior center Ken Bowen (9.1/4.3). In case you wondered, Bowen led the 79-80 Tribe in reebies despite his puny 4.3 average, which tells you one of the main problems Coach Parkhill must resolve in order for his team to get back on the right side of the .500 mark. Bench strength will be provided by 6-5 senior Guy Courage (9.4/2.4), 6-5 sophomore Mike Strayhorn (7.3/3.0) and 6-9 Brant Weidner (4.9/3.5), with anticipated help from a pair of 6-6 freshmen, Herb Harris and Gary Bland.

The Tribe's Mr. Versatility is 6-4 junior guard Billy Barnes, first in assists (82) and steals (54) last season, second in both scoring (11.7) and rebounding (4.2). At the other backline spot, the Indians figure to rotate 6-5 senior Tim Wagner (4.5) and 6-2 senior Rich Veres (2.4), although incoming 6-3 frosh Tony Traver could have a lot of say on that count. Traver, a product of Greenwich, N.Y., High, left that school as the third highest career scorer in the state's history.

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GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Just as it was a year ago, the Tribe's 80-81 schedule doesn't offer many breathers. But we've a good hunch Coach Parkhill's club will win some of the close ones that slipped through their grasp last season. Enough extra wins, in fact, for William & Mary to make life easier on their frazzled fans with a winning campaign.

South Carolina (16-11)

Starters Returning - 0 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

It's back to square one for new Gamecock skipper Bill Foster, who inherits only three players -- and no starters -- from Frank McGuire's last team. Foster, who directed Duke University to a sparkling 113-64 record over the past six years, was able to recruit seven newcomers, but he'll have to mold them into a cohesive unit quickly since the 80-81 Gamecocks face their usual rugged intersectional schedule.

Two of the McGuire Era leftovers, 6-2 senior Zam Frederick (7.0) and 6-0 senior Kevin Dunleavy (1.5), have been selected team co-captains, and they will form the Gamecocks' starting backcourt. Freshly minted guards are 6-0 JUCO transfer Gerald Peacock, and the freshman duo of 6-6 Billy Bessoir and 6-3 Scott Sanderson. Bessoir, who will also see action at the small forward spot, blistered the nets for 29 ppg his final year at Scranton, PA, Prep school.

The lone veteran returning on the inside is 6-7 sophomore letterman Kevin Darmody (4.3/2.7). So immeidate help must come from a quartet of frosh signees -- 6-8 Brad Jergenson, 6-6 Ken Holmes, 6-9 Jimmy Foster and 6-6 Bob Horne. Jergenson, a prep all-stater from Manitowac, Wisconsin, was recruited by a number of prominent basketball schools before deciding to cast his lot with the Gamecocks.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The first year under Coach Foster will be a rough one for South Carolina, since this just may be the youngest team in all of college basketball. Hence, another losing record is our 80-81 forecast for the Gamecocks.

Furman (23-7)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Palladins have said good-bye to Jonathan Moore, a third round draft pick by the Detroit Pistons and the man who made the Furman machine go. Coach Eddie Holbrook makes no pretenses of being able to replace Moore and calls this season a rebuilding one. The top returnee is 6-2 junior guard Mel Daniel (15.1), second leading scorer to Moore last year. The backcourt is set with 6-5 sophomore Michael Hunt (9.1) also back in tow. He was the ringleader in the Southern Conference playoffs last year scoring 42 points in two games. A trio of incoming freshmen will round out the backcourt contingent -- 6-5 Jeff Stoops, 5-10 Phil Thomas and 6-0 Tommy Doughton.

Three year letterman, 6-5 senior Randy Butler (1.7/1.4); 6-4 junior William Hanks (3.0/1.0) and 6-5 sophomore Jimmy Holleman (0.6/0.3) are holdovers who'll vye for playing time at the forward spots. They'll battle three freshmen -- 6-9 Andre Hines, 6-9 Randy Morris and 6-8 George Singleton. The best position will be fought for by 6-6 senior Dave Dredger (2.3/1.4) and 6-11 freshman recruit Bobby Howard.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: We want Moore! That was the chant of Palladin fans for four years. They had him but can't anymore. The frontcourt situation is very tenuous indeed with virtually no tested performers on hand. We have a hunch that the youngsters will see immediate action. The guard outlook is much better but not good enough to carry the team to another league crown or even 20 victories. Anything over a break even mark should be considered satisfactory.

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East Tennessee State (15-13)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Buccaneer's have the unenviable task of opening the season against Kentucky. All else should look easy. In reality this season promised to be an interesting one for third year mentor Jim Hallihan. He's got to replace the all-time career scorer (Scott Place) and may have the horses to do just that. The offense will revolve around 6-3 sophomore guard Troy Lee Mikell (16.5), the Southern Conference frosh of the year last season. The point guard slot will be occupied by sophomore Marc Quesenberry (3.0). More backcourt help will come from 6-3 junior Winfred Reid (9.7) who's being moved from forward.

Speaking of forward, 6-6 senior Clint Smith (10.1/7.6) will be occupying one of those spots after going through last season's war with a slew of nagging injuries. Jim Smith (5.8/2.5) a 6-7 senior, will be in the hunt for the other forward post as will 6-6 sophomore Andre Motley (4.6/2.1) and 6-5 senior Charles Thaxton (2.4/1.1). The pivot figures to be occupied by 6-7 senior George Underwood (5.9/4.7) with help coming from 6-9 junior Craig Lester (1.1/0.8).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Bucs finished fourth in the Southern Conference race last year. With many tested veterans on hand they shouldn't do worse this time around. A lot will depend on added punch up front to take the pressure off Mikell's bombardments from out front. We expect a repeat performance in the win column but won't be surprised if things improve a notch.

VMI (11-16)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Had Coach Charlie Schmaus known what lay in store for his team the second half of the 79-80 campaign, he might have been tempted to have the Keydets go AWOL. Losers in nine of their last ten games a year ago, VMI dreams for a winning campaign turned to nightmarish visions down the backstretch. And it wouldn't be surprising if Coach Schmaus still wakes up with the cold sweats everytime he remembers how badly outplayed the Keydet front line was during that horrible stretch.

Consider 6-8 junior center Bill Nivison (6.1/3.9), a virtual zombie during that losing streak, when he was held completely scoreless in two games and managed only one, miserable rebound in three different contests. The Keydets will stick with Nivison if for no greater reason than the other veteran pivot men available -- 6-9 junior Gary Mackin, 6-8 senior Bernie Banas and 6-7 sophomore Ed Kluckowski -- have even more de iciencies. A new recruit who just might be the long-sought answer in the middle is 6-9 freshman Kelvin Nash, but don't bank on it! Forward play will be far more adequate, with 6-5 seniors John Goode (11.8/7.5) and Geoff Hinshelwood (7.8/4.6) ready to answer the opening whistle. Giving Goode support at "shooting forward" will be 6-4 senior Marty Cristo, a projected regular last season until a bum knee shelved him after just two games.

The Keydet with the most combat decorations is 6-1 senior guard Andy Kolesar (19.2), who shot 54% from the floor and 87% from the charity stripe last season. Making sure Kolesar gets plenty of shooting opportunities again will be 6-1 senior Tom Savage (9.3/81 assists), although playing time must also be granted to 6-3 senior Dennis Johnson (13.3). He returns to the backcourt after being forced into forward duty a year ago. Just to get the coals really stirred up, VMI signed on 5-9 freshman Bo Ford, a Lynchburg, VA native nominated to the McDonald's prep All-America team.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Keydets seemed headed for a good season until their late collapse, a tail-spin brought about by injuries and mediocre play at the pivot spot. Center Nivison still has to prove his worth, but not so with guards Kolesar, Savage and swingman Johnson. Forward Goode, only 6-5 and not a leaper, still gets his share of reebs. Yet the fact last year's opponents yanked down almost 100 more rebounds than VMI clearly indicates Goode needs help underneath. We like this team's chances for a better won-lost mark, and it could even go above .500 if the Keydets don't pull off another second half disappearing act.

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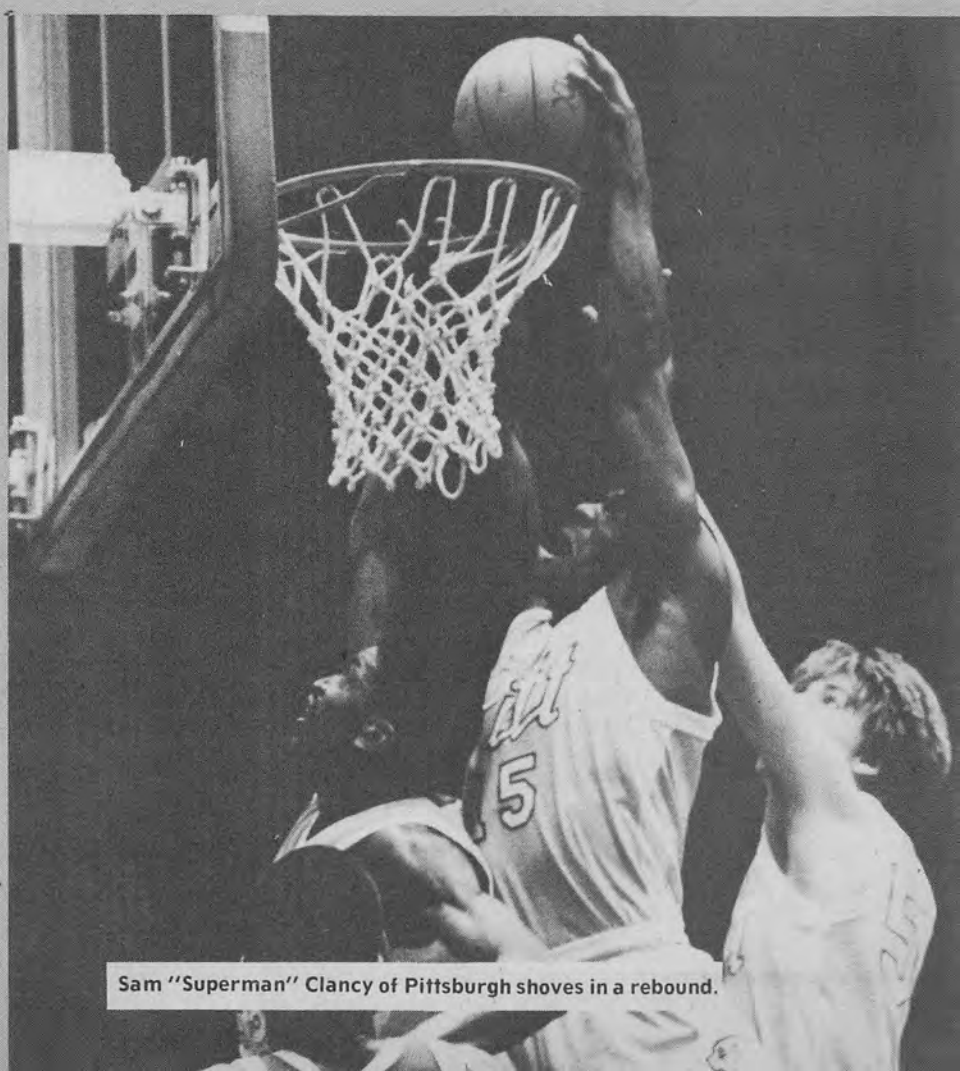

Sam "Superman" Clancy of Pittsburgh shoves in a rebound.

Georgetown (26-6)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

He's some kinda coach, this John Thompson of the Hoyas. Not to mention an excellent recruiter with an eye for basketball talent just as astute as the Gabor sisters' eye for jewelry. In 1972, Thompson took over a Georgetown cage program that had produced a 3-23 mark the previous year, and within three years had the regular season record up to 18-10.

The beat has continued since then -- for example last year's 26-6 overall mark, good enough to rank the Hoyas 10th (UPI) and 11th (AP) best in the major wire service polls. Gone from that club, which advanced to the NCAA Tournament East regional finals, are guard John Duren and forward Craig Shelton. But hang no crepe for Georgetown! Not with returnees the like of 6-3 junior guard Eric "Sleepy" Floyd (18.7), who set a school record last season with 598 points, mostly on long rainbow jumpers. Floyd shot a scintilating 55 percent from the floor in 79-80, the kind of accuracy rate you expect from a center or forward specializing in short-range shooting. Backcourt partner Duren's spot should be filled by 6-5 freshman Fred Brown (Adlai Stevenson High, Bronx, NY), whom Coach Thompson describes as: "One of the best point guards I've ever seen at his level." Letterwinners counted on for backline depth are 6-3 junior Ron Blaylock (1.7) and 6-3 sophomore Kurt Kaull (1.3).

The Hoyas resemble a three-headed monster at the pivot spot, where rotating again will be 7-0 senior Mike Frazier, 6-9 junior Ed Spriggs and 6-7 junior Mike Hancock. Last season, they teamed up for 14 points and 10 rebounds per game. Being able to rotate them without any drop-off in production affords Thompson a luxury most skippers don't enjoy. The starting forwards will be a pair of underrated juniors, 6-5 Eric Smith (6.8/3.2) and 6-7 Jeff Bullis (3.4/1.8). However, the lone reserve behind them is 6-7 sophomore David Blue, who didn't even play last season, so the Hoyas will probably also use center Hancock in a forward capacity.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The loss of the fabeled Dunbar Duo (Duren and Shelton) will hurt, and you can put that in the bank. But not so much that the Hoyas will tail off sharply; it just means that they'll have to work a bit harder. "Sleepy" Floyd is one of college ball's finest, and newcomer Fred Brown has the makings of greatness as a point guard. The front line is deep and experienced at the pivot spot, although Hancock will probably spend more time at forward, where the Hoyas are a bit thin. Still and all, Georgetown bears the stamp of a "contender" in the Big East title race, and despite a rugged schedule in and out of the league, the Hoyas should approach the twenty-win plateau again.

St. John's (24-5)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Under Coach Louie Carnesecca, the Redmen have turned out their share of classy guards over the years, and two of the finest are Reggie Carter and Bernard Rencher. But, alas, both have taken their multiple skills on to the NBA, and there's no one who would dispute Carnesecca when he comments: "You just don't easily fill two spots left by one of St. John's finest backcourt combinations." Amen to that, Louie!

One guard spot will be filled by 6-5 senior Curtis Redding, who contributed 8.9 ppg last season coming off the bench as a third forward. His smooth transition to the backcourt is critical to the Redmen continuing their winning ways. Vying for the second guard position will be a pair of sophomore lettermen, 6-3 Kevin Williams and George Garrison, along with 6-0 Larry Washington, a transfer from Texas Tech who becomes eligible after the seventh game this season.

Bulwarking the front line is 6-8 senior center Wayne McKoy (13.9/7.1), top rebounder and No. 2 scorer a year ago. "Wayne has given us three solid years as a starting center," says Carnesecca, "However, to insure another successful season, Wayne will have to give us a very big year." Returning as the forward regulars is the smallish, but effective due 6-6 senior Frank Gilroy (6.6/3.3) and 6-4 senior Ron Plair (8.3/5.6). Off the bench, the Redmen have 6-6 sophomore skyrocket David Russell (10.6/5.3), last season's Big East Rookie-of-the-Year. Russell is an exciting player Coach Carnesecca describes thusly: "He loves the game and has the ability to ignite the other players. Also waiting in the wings are a pair of tall soph monogram winners, 6-8 Trevor Jackson and 6-9 Donald Jones.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Redmen did, indeed, lose a pair of dandies when Carter and Rencher graduated, and their departure has to put a large dent in the backcourt. Converted forward Redding should solve half that problem but as of now, the other guard prospects are unknown commodities. Front court play will be St. John's backbone, with big senior years expected from McKoy, Gilroy and Plair, and plenty of fireworks from soph phenom Russell as the sixth man. Their usual tough schedule will make a repeat of last year's 24-win campaign difficult, but Louie Carnesecca still has the material to direct his 80-81 club to the school's 11th 20-win season in his 13 years at the helm and their 13th consecutive post-season appearance.

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Syracuse (26-4)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Louie and Bouie show has hit the road, never to return to Salt City. We're speaking of Louis Orr and Roosevelt Bouie -- a fine one-two inside punch that helped the Orangemen to four straight NCAA appearances. Coach Jim Boeheim, who's won 100 games in just four years as head mentor, knows the losses will be felt hard but he thinks he has enough horses to carry on the winning tradition.

The critical area, obviously, is up front. A lot of presure will be on 6-11 senior center Dan Schayes (5.9/4.5) cause he'll be taking Bouie's spot. He's performed well in reserve roles but isn't blessed with great speed afoot. The backup role will be filled by 6-10 freshman Larry O'Neill. In 6-4 sophomore Erich Santifer (10.7/3.3) there's a quality player who proved himself well as a yearling. The other forward spot has been reserved for 6-8 sophomore transfer Leo Rautins who didn't like things at the University of Minnesota two years ago. Added strength at forward will come from 6-6 senior Chris Jerebko (4.0/2.8), 6-5 junior Ron Payton (5.4/2.1) and 6-8 freshman Sean Kerins.

The backcourt presents a much rosier picture. Hometown native Marty Headd (12.0), a 6-2 senior, shot at a 56 per cent clip a year ago. He'll team with 6-2 senior Eddie Moss (6.1) who dished out 173 assists and had 82 steals last year. Also on hand is 6-3 freshman point guard Gene Waldron who's got great credentials and 6-4 sophomore Red Bruin (6.1).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Orange have some excellent talent at guard but both Schayes and newcomer Rautins will have to perform well if there's to be a repeat Big East title winning effort. We don't think they'll be able to successfully defend their crown but we do look for another 20 win campaign and still another post season invite.

Connecticut (20-9)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Television broadcaster and former Marquette coach Al McGuire likes to refer to big men as "Aircraft Carriers," but

it looks as though the UConns got the whole bloody fleet in 6-10, 260-pound transfer student Chuck Aleksinas, a freshman starter two years ago at Kentucky. Aleksinas, a legendary player in Connecticut prep circles, thus returns to the scene of his greatest glory, and Coach Dom Perno is optimistic that one BIG addition will make his UConns a genuine title contender in the Big East conference.

Aleksinas joins a strong front line that includes last year's 1-2 scorers, 6-5 junior Mike McKay (16.7/5.3) and 6-8 junior Corny Thompson (15.8/9.3). However, the only other battle-tested returnee underneath is 6-9 sophomore Bruce Kuczenski (5.1/3.7), so depth could be a trifle thin unless the UConns get immediate input from 6-5 frosh swingman Norman Bailey, an 18.8 ppg scorer his final year at West Hartford's Northwest Catholic High.

The quarterback for the Huskies is heady 5-11 senior guard Bob Dulin (11.3/124 assists), who can also bang from the outside pretty well, as his 52 percent field goal shooting accuracy last season attests to. Veteran candidates for the other backcourt assignment are 6-2 junior Clay Johnson (5.9), a starter in all 29 games a year ago, 6-2 junior Jim Sullivan (3.5) and 6-1 sophomore Glen Miller (2.7). But not to be taken lightly despite their rather modest size are a pair of freshmen guards, 5-11 Vernon Giscombe (Cardinal Hayes, Bronx) who ripped the cords for 25 ppg his last prep campaign, and 5-8 Karl Hobbs, the floor leader and 17 ppg scorer for last year's nationally ranked Rindge-Latin High team from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The UConns have gone 21-8 and 20-9 the past two years, WITHOUT a legitimate center, so it's obvious Coach Perno is elated about having man-mountain Aleksinas available for the coming hardwood campaign. Adding his burly presence to an inside crew that already numbered McKay and Thompson, both bearing down on the 1,000-point mark in career scoring, is almost certain to make the Huskies exactly that in the Battle of the Boards -- husky! Backcourt general Dulin, with aid and comfort from experienced starter Clay Johnson and frosh additions Giscombe and Hobbs, guarantees solid play at the guards as well. Connecticut may still be a year away from bonafide legitimacy in the Big East championship race, where the competition is stern indeed, but a third-straight 20-win sesaon and another post-season tourney invite are very realistic goals for Dom Perno's up-and-coming ball club.

Villanova (23-8)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Wildcats have become the eighth official member of the two-year old Big East Conference, a fledgling league that proved its merit last season with five teams going to either the NCAA Tournament or the NIT. Coach Rollie Massimino's club will hold its own against that rugged opposition, even if the Nova skipper tends to play "hide in the weeds" with statements like: "We'll be happy this first year to finish in the middle of the pack." C'mon, Rollie, your 'Cats will sport sharper claws than that, with four regulars back from a 79-80 sqaud that finished atop the Eastern Eight and made an NCAA Tourney trip.

The real "alley cat" for Coach Massimino is 6-8 center John Pinone (14.5/7.1), a board banging sophomore who broke the school's field goal shooting percentage record (57.3%) last season on his way to Eastern Eight Rookie-of-the-Year honors. Giving Pinone plenty of inside help will be returning forward regulars Alex Bradley (14.2/7.1), a 6-7 senior with All-America hopes, and 6-7 junior Aaron Howard (7.0/4.2). The only fly-in-the-ointment up front is a wafer thin reserve corps, with 6-7 sophomore Mike Mulquin (4.1/2.3) the only experienced back-up.

No such problems exist in the backcourt, where depth is plentiful, enough so to offset the loss of NBA draft pick Rory Sparrow. The "shooting guard" role will again be filled by 6-2 senior Tom Sienkiewicz (12.0), with 6-2 sophomore Stewart Granger (4.0), second to only Sparrow in assists last season, gets first crack at point guard. Tom Bethea (2.4), a 6-3 junior who jumps like a kangaroo with a hot foot, heads up the reserve guard cast, which includes 6-2 senior Jim Knoebel (1.6), 5-11 sophomore Kevin McKenna (0.6) and 6-4 freshman Frank "Happy" Dobbs, a prep all-stater from Allerdice High near Pittsburgh.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Before the 'Cats even get into the meat of their Big East schedule this season, they must take on a non-league slate which includes LaSalle, Notre Dame, Penn and an appearance in the Sun Bowl Classic with San Francisco, Texas-El Paso and Ohio University. Coach Massimino has the talent at his disposal to cope with that hefty opposition, provided injuries are kept to a minimum, especially in the front line, where tested back-ups are scarcer than hair on Telly Savalas' head. Villanova will hang up another winning record and a probable first division Big East finish in their first year of league participation, but again, injuries could be the maker-or-breaker where this team is concerned.

Boston College (19-10)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

As is noted directly above, last year's Purple Eagles lost ten games, but there's more to that than meets the eye. Seven of the teams that inflicted losses on BC wound up playing in the NCAA tournament, while the other three went to the NIT. And to top it all off, when Coach Tom Davis' own team went to the NIT, who should they lose to (57-55) in second round action but eventual tourney champion Virginia.

The only graduation loss from that club, but a critical one, was playmaking guard Jim Sweeney, who had over 100 assists his last three years on the Heights. His quarterback role will be filled by 6-1 freshman Tim O'Shea, a PARADE MAGAZINE prep All-America from Wayland High just outside Boston. The other backcourt spot will again be held down by 6-0 sophomore John Bagley (11.8), leading scorer on last year's balanced team. Foremost of the reserve guards are 6-1 junior Dwan Chandler (9.6), an excellent shooter, and 6-3 freshman Peter Krause.

Smallish, but effective 6-8 senior Joe Beaulieu (11.1/5.2) returns at the pivot spot, as do 6-7 senior Vin Caraher (10.2/4.8), 6-4 junior Rich Shrigley (6.7/4.6) and 6-5 sophomore Burnett Adams (5.4/3.6) at the forwards. Adams is a leaper with great timing who "snuffed" 52 enemy shots his frosh campaign. A pair of freshmen counted on for immediate inside help are 6-9 Jay Murphy, who scored just a shade under 30 ppg for last year's 29-1 Maloney High team from Meriden, Connecticut, and 6-8 Martin Clark from Boston's Don Bosco High.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite a rugged schedule, Dr. Tom Davis led the Eagles to nearly twenty wins last season, and there's no reason to expect a let-down this year. Besides, the 80-81 schedule has been toned down a bit. Only the lack of a true big man inside may hold BC back in the Big East wars, yet the Good Doctor (Coach Davis) should guide his charges to another fine won-lost mark, probably good enough to merit a second straight post-season invite.

Providence (11-16)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Coach Gary Walters of the Friars has a knack for coining catchy phrases, for instance terming the line-up of rugged opponents his team must face this season an "Excedrin schedule." Then, there's his comment that PC will have "two teams" in 80-81, the starting five from a year ago, plus a total of seven new recruits who will, hopefully, give the Friars the bench strength they lacked during last season's losing campaign.

The holdover with the best pedigree is 6-7 senior forward Rudy Williams (14.8/7.6), one of the best corner men in the Big East league. "If we are to make any significant improvement," says Coach Walters, "we need Williams' leadership and rebounding." Returning at the opposite forward is 6-5 junior Billy Fields (11.4/4.3), while starting at center once more will be rugged 6-9, 235-pound senior Rich Hunger (7.1/5.8). Front line newcomers, all freshmen, are 6-8 Marlon Burns, 6-7 Sean Canty, 6-7 Myles McPartland, 6-9 Otis Thorpe and a pair of 6-5ers who could also see guard duty, George Jackson and Jim Cholakis.

The Friars have a first-rate backcourt duo in "shooter" Jerry Scott (14.9), a 6-3 senior who paced last year's balanced scoring attack, and 5-10 sophomore "playmaker" Ricky Tucker (8.4/143), selected to the 79-80 Big East All-Freshman team. Supporting them will be newcomers Jim Panaggio, a 6-3 transfer from Dartmouth who led that school in assists and was second highest scorer two seasons ago, and 6-1 freshman Carl Hill from Trenton, New Jersey who was selected to the PARADE MAGAZINE All-America fourth team his senior campaign in the prep ranks.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Friars finished last in their first year of Big East competition, but Coach Walters is modestly confident the addition of some good-looking newcomers will provide his team with the one thing lacking last season – depth. The guard duo of Scott and Tucker is outstanding, and newcomers Panaggio and Hill offer them aid and comfort when needed. Up front, the top honcho is Williams, while center Hunger can be dominating when he plays with consistency. As Coach Walters mentioned, the schedule is a toughie, yet the outlook for the 80-81 Friars is a winning record if things fall into place.

Seton Hall (14-13)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Pirates had two regulars (forward Clark Young and guard Ray Ortiz) shanghaied the second half of last season due to deficient grades, yet still managed a winning record. Young and Ortiz have straightened out their academic problems, and their return means Coach Bill Raferty will have EVERY veteran, plus two promising freshmen, as the Pirates enter their second Big East season.

In the backcourt, 6-3 sophomore Ortiz (5.6) will reclaim his starting job, putting him opposite 6-2 junior Dan Callandrillo (19.4/100 assists), one of the premier guards in the East. Reserve help will come from 6-3 senior Matt Piccinich (8.6), 6-4 sophomore Ray Brooks (1.6), 6-0 sophomore Steve Grieco (1.4) and 6-2 freshman Ken Fields. Yearling Fields, a two-time New Jersey all-state selection, pumped in 18 points and dished out seven assists per game his final year at Plainfield High.

The front line boasts an excellent forward tandem in 6-6 junior Daryl Devero (17.4/7.0) plus 6-9 junior Howie McNeil (12.5/8.4), and having 6-6 junior Clark Young (13.2/5.7) eligible again will make corner play exceptional. Not so encouraging is the pivot situation, where 6-10 sophomore Dan Dunne (2.1/3.2) and 6-9 Tony Massaro (1.1/2.4) have to come a long way. The lone new recruit up front, but a good one, is 6-7 freshman John Collins, about whom Coach Raferty comments: "He is an excellent rebounder and that should make him a big help to us this season."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Again in 80-81, the Pirates face a grueling schedule that would test the mettle of any team. But Coach Raferty's cagers will hold their own, in and out of the Big East, sparked by guard Callandrillo, forwards Devero, McNeil and Young. The absence of a magnum force in the middle will prevent Seton Hall from being a bonafide title contender in their league, yet the Pirates will surprise opponents with some powerful broadsides that will send a bunch of enemy frigates down to the depths of the briney deep.

Others

Holy Cross (19-11)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

To hear Coach George Blaney talk, one would never suspect his team had lost via graduation guard Ronnie Perry, the 14th highest career scorer in NCAA Division I history. "We appear to have 10 or so players who can help us," Blaney states, "and you have to be pleased with that situation." But, skipper, what about the loss of Perry and his 2,524 career points!

Actually, there really is no need to panic simply because Perry has departed since The Cross returns most everyone else from last year's NCAA tournament team. Running things again will be 6-2 junior point guard Bob Kelly (6.1), who in two years with the Crusaders has handed out 293 assists. Perry's shooting guard role has the rapt attention of 6-5 sophomore Kevin Greaney (8.1), a starter in 14 games his frosh campaign who tossed in a team season-high of 27 points versus Dartmouth. There's also 6-1 junior Ed Thurman, a transfer from Wake Forest blessed with excellent quickness, and 6-2 freshman Richie Guerin, Jr. who is the son and namesake of former pro basketball great Richie Guerin.

Front court play will be The Cross' strength this season, since five of the returnees have starting experience. Spearheading that veteran gang is 6-7 senior forward Garry Witts (11.6/5.6), second in scoring last season, while other battle-tested corner men are 6-7 senior Dave Mulquin (6.1/3.6), a 6-8 sophomore Chris Logan (6.1/4.4) and 6-9 senior Tom Seaman (5.9/3.4). Occupying the pivot spot again will be 6-9 sophomore Ernie Floyd (9.7/6.7), with 6-10 senior Charlie Browne (2.7/4.8) in reserve. The Crusaders also recruited a pair of freshmen acknowledged as strong inside players, 6-8 Pat Elzie and 6-7 Darren Maloney.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The beat goes on in Worcester, despite the graduation of scoring whiz Perry, with Coach Blaney expected to spread the point-making load around more with his top gun missing. A powerful, and experienced front line, complimented by the heady leadership of point guard Kelly, will spark The Cross to yet another fine won-loss mark, and the Crusaders should also reward Coach Blaney with his seventh straight post-season appearance.

Penn State (18-10)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

It didn't take coach Dick Harter long to turn things around. In fact his Nittany Lions were an NIT participant last year after the best regular season in 16 years among the Pennsylvania mountains. The Nits allowed the opposition a mere 41.5 per cent of their field goal tries, best in the land, and only 57.1 points per game; third best nationally. With four starters back things look even more promising this time around.

The key man is 6-9 senior center Frank Brickowski (11.4/7.8) who's been a steadying influence in the middle. One of the forward spots is held down by 6-7 sophomore Mike Lang (7.2/6.5). The other will be fought for by 6-7 junior Scott Wolz (4.9/2.1), and incoming freshmen David Griffin and 6-10 Dick Mumma, a 25 point scorer in the prep ranks.

There's plenty of experience at the guards with 6-1 junior Mike Edelman (8.4) returning at one spot. The other will be occupied by 6-7 sophomore Rich Fetter (9.5) who was a starter up front last year. Others in the backcourt picture include 6-3 junior Craig Buffie (3.5), 5-9 JUCO transfer David Ennis, 6-0 freshman Jim Forjan and 6-5 frosh Brian Dean.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Harter's been a winner wherever he's hung his hat and this could be the year he puts the Lions on the map. He gets 110 per cent out of his players and there's a solid nucleus of still young veterans on hand. Mumma could be the dominating force he's been looking for and we won't be surprised to see the Lions crack the 20 win barrier.

St. Peter's (22-9)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Peacock's were the stingiest team in the nation last year under first year mentor Dukiet. They allowed only 50.4 points per game while averaging ten more than that. When the curtain rang down they had a pair of victories in both the ECAC playoffs and the NIT. But gone is top scorer and rebounder Jim Brandon. That means a lot of pressure will fall on 6-6 senior center Kevin Rogers (13.3/5.0), the top returning scorer. The remainder of the frontcourt could be an all freshman unit with top recruits Felix Rivera, a 6-8 product of Jersey City who can also play the pivot, and 6-6 Anthony Green expected to see duty right away. Tyrone Hollaway, a 6-5 transfer from Fordham, is also expected to help out.

The backcourt situation is much brighter. Head honcho at guard is 6-4 junior Mark Murphy (11.0/5.4) who is an excellent board crasher. He'll again be joined by 6-3 junior William Brown (7.2) as that duo hopes to make up for the loss of defensive wizard Cliff Anderson. Help will also come from 6-3 senior Tim Dooley (5.4).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Brandon's loss will be sorely felt but with the deliberate style of play that Dukiet employs he may be able to cover up well. If the frosh can come through up front that will make things easier since the guard spots are well stocked with talent. We look for the Peacocks to again approach or surpass the 20 win mark and make a valiant bid for post-season play.

Iona (29-5)

Starters Returning - 0 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

A movie of fairly recent vintage bore the title "Bad Day At Black Rock," but they've had a bunch of bad days in New Rochelle since the end of the last college basketball season. For instance when four regulars from last year's NCAA Tournament team graduated; or the time Jim Valvano resigned as head coach to assume similar duties at North Carolina State. Yet without reservation, the absolute worst day was the one center Jeff Ruland, an anticipated All-America candidate, was declared ineligible for this final college year due to a rules infraction and went the NBA Hardship route. Boy, talk about a run of tough luck!

New skipper Pat Kennedy, chief assistant under the departed Valvano, will send out an all-new starting five this season, with the chief bidders for Ruland's vacant pivot spot being 6-10 senior Kevin Vesey (2.3/1.8) and 6-10 junior Mike Ice, a Penn State transfer. Good luck, fellas, trying to fill Ruland's seven-league sneakers! Conditions at the forward positions are considerably more encouraging, thanks mostly to the arrival of freshman wunderkind Gary Springer, a 6-7 product of Benjamin Franklin High in NY City regarded by many as the premier prep roundballer in the nation last year. "Gary Springer will start a new era of basketball for Iona College," Coach Kennedy comments. Hope you're right, skipper, because the Ruland Era sure is over. Other forward prospects are a quartet of 79-80 lettermen, 6-5 sophomore Glen McMillan (1.8/1.6), 6-5 junior Ed Gooding (0.9/1.4), 6-6 senior Ted Richardson (0.6/1.4) and 6-4 junior Willie McCain (0.6/0.1), plus 6-9 junior Ted O'Gorman, a transfer from William & Mary who will -- thank God! -- be eligible immediately.

Veteran backcourters available are 6-4 sophomore Jeff Williams (2.9), 5-9 junior Tony Iati (2.8) and 6-3 junior Brian Vickers (2.0), younger brother of departed standout Glenn. Frosh recruits with good credentials are 6-2 Steve Burtt and 5-10 Mike Moses, both products of the NY City basketball madhouse. Burtt bears the "Blue-Chip" stamp after capping off an excellent prep career by winning MVP honors in two post-season all-star tournaments, the Basketball Congress Tourney in Provo, Utah and the Whitney Young Classic in the Big Apple.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Good gosh, has the bottom fallen out on the recently-resurgent Gaels, stripped of all five 79-80 regulars, not to mention coach Jim Valvano. First-year top kick Pat Kennedy will doubtless rebuild around the super-talented Springer, who does things on the court no freshman is supposed to be able to do. Yet against the usual line-up of tough opponents, we still have to anticipate an "off-year" for the Gaels as they re-group after their string of "Bad Days In New Rochelle."

Navy (14-13)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Middies have piped aboard a new skipper in Paul Evans, who over the past seven years compiled a 126-50 record at Division III school St. Lawrence. "The biggest thing is how fast we adapt to each other," comments Evans, no doubt with an eye toward an arduous early season schedule that will find Navy dropping anchor in basketball hell-holes the likes of Maryland, Holy Cross, Missouri and San Diego State.

Not that the Middies won't be firing any salvos of their own, of course, with the biggest guns belonging to 6-7 senior center John Geshay (11.9/7.0) and 6-1 sophomore guard David Brooks (12.0). Geshay is a late-bloomer just coming into his own after averaging a microscopic 2.9 points-per-game his first two years in school, while Brooks is a budding standout voted the ECAC-South Rookie-of-the-Year last season. Teaming up with Geshay in the starting front line once more are a pair of junior forwards, 6-4 Jan Meyers (6.7/3.9) and 6-6 Myron Simons (4.9/6.3), with the leading reserves in this area expected to be 6-6 sophomore Rich Davidson (4.0/3.7), 6-6 sophomore Jim Whitesides (2.0/1.0) and 6-7 freshman Gary Price.

Guard Brooks will get veteran assistance from 6-2 junior Chuck Greene (10.0) and 5-11 senior Kevin Cotherman (2.3), one of whom new coach Evans hopes will emerge as a "take charge" guy so the Middies can "open up things more both offensively and defensively." Also slated for try-outs as that sought-after floor leader will be a trio of freshmen recruits: Mike Jones, Robert Romaine and Pete Tiano.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Midshipmen could absorb some lumps early this season, faced with a difficult slate that includes the Maryland Terps and Ole Mizzou Tigers, both NCAA Tournament teams a year ago. However, rookie mentor Paul Evans inherits a pair of fine cagers in center Geshay and guard Brooks, and since the schedule doesn't look so rugged later on in the campaign, Navy will sail to another winning record.

Long Island (14-12)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

For the edification of younger college basketball fans, years back the Blackbirds were one of the perennial powers on the national scene. Winners of two NIT titles (1939 and '41), a then unprecedented 43-game winning streak, undefeated in 1936 and '39, all accomplished under coaching immortal Clair Bee (1931-'51). Present-day skipper Paul Lizzo would agree there's still a way to go before LIU rises to those kind of lofty heights again, yet his 80-81 team is potentially the school's best in some time.

Leading the way is muscular 6-7, 230-pound junior forward Riley Clarida (14.1/7.1), one of the three finalists in last year's ECAC Metro Player-of-the-Year balloting. Clarida is the top honcho in a front line that also sees the return of 6-11 junior center Ernest Bynum (6.3/6.7/74 blocked shots) for more starting duty. Graduation did, however, claim two-time rebounding leader and 1,000-point scorer John Nelson Bailey, and those are large shoes to fill. Best of the holdover forward contingent are 6-5 senior Michael Darby (4.4/2.8) and 6-4 junior Eric Short (8.2/3.4), both swingman-types, with the lone new recruit in this area being 6-5 JUCO transfer Russell Davis, a Brooklyn native who played last year at Essex, NJ, Community College.

The backcourt brigade is best represented by 5-9 sophomore Robert "Smooth" Cole (11.7/100 assists), winner of the 79-80 ECAC Metro Frosh-of-the-Year award. His sidekick at guard will be drawn from between 6-1 senior Rudy Johnson (6.8), 6-3 junior Rickey Wilson (1.8) and 6-0 sophomore Darryl Butler (1.5) -- all of whom lettered last year -- along with transfer student Earl Fuller, a 5-11 junior who red-shirted last season after switching affiliations from Texas-El Paso. Our vote goes to Fuller, an excellent penetrating guard who netted 12 ppg and earned All-Western Athletic Conference accolades his final year at UTEP.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: All signs indicate the Blackbirds have turned the corner toward respectability during Paul Lizzo's five-year tenure, and this season could be LIU's best in some time. True, the loss of F/C Bailey hurts, but Clarida is a fine cornerman, Bynum a towering young pivot with potential, and the anticipated backcourt tandem of diminutive "Smooth" Cole and transfer Fuller has to be weighed against that one big loss. The prognosis for the 80-81 Blackbirds is another winning record, with probably even more digits going up in the win column.

Maine (15-13)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Black Bears lost their version of "Instant Offense" when Rufus Harris and his 25.6 ppg graduated, prompting Coach Skip Chappelle to comment: "We will have more people involved in our offense, and while we will be a very, very young team, our inside scoring should be stronger." How long will it take for the Maine skipper to find out his team's potential? Not long, since the first game on this year's slate finds the Black Bears entertaining defending Southwest Conference kingpin Texas A&M, a team with an all-veteran front line that could probably hold its own in the NBA.

As for Maine's own front court situation, holdovers with starting experience are 6-6 junior Clay Gunn (10.6/7.1) and 6-6 senior Dave Wyman (3.9/5.3). Dan Czerapowitz (0.9/0.2), a 6-3 sophomore, can also help out, and the coaching staff acquired the services of three freshmen with good size -- 6-9 Jeff Cross, 6-6 Paul Cook and 6-7 Mitchell Anderson. Cook and Anderson were teammates on the New England Class A prep championship club, Maine Central Institute.

Conducting the show from his customary backcourt spot is 6-5 sophomore point guard Rick Carlisle (12.3/118 assists), ECAC Rookie-of-the-Year in 79-80. 6-2 senior Jim Mercer (6.8) will again be his starting partner. Monogram winners backstopping them are 6-1 senior Gary Speed (3.4) and 6-4 sophomore Champ Godbolt (5.9), while freshmen arrivals are 6-4 Jeff Sturgeon and 6-3 Kevin Green.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Bears finished with a winning mark, despite formidable opposition, and this year's slate is no picnic either. Losing career scoring champ Harris is a major blow, although the addition of some good-sized freshmen should make the front line stronger in terms of rebounding. Guard Carlisle is a fine play-maker and shooter, and the backcourt will be truly solid if soph Godbolt, out the second half of last season, plays a complete year. Maine is in danger of slipping under .500 this season, but one should never count out Coach Chappelle's forces, no matter how tough the opposition.

Vermont (12-15)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Cats lost ten of 15 times to teams that eventually played in either the NCAA or NIT last year. The schedule's easier this season and graduation claimed no one from the squad. There'll be much more experience inside with 6-7 junior forward Mike Evelti (17.6/8.1) setting the pace. He hit in double figures in all but two games last season. The other forward spot belongs to 6-6 senior Jim Nocera (6.3/5.1) with 6-4 junior Steve Thode an excellent replacement having averaged 13 points per outing as the sixth man. The pivot post is held down by 6-7 senior Bruce Beynnon (6.2/4.4).

The Cats will again alternate three players at the guards. The top point man is 6-3 junior Jeff Brown (13.9) and he can also crash the boards as evidenced by his five reebies per game average. The catalyst is 5-11 junior Corey Wielgus (5.1) who dished off a team leading 111 assists last year. 6-2 senior Dane Correll (7.3) is the third man in the backcourt.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With teams like Duke, Texas, Texas A & M and South Carolina no longer on the slate things have to improve as far as wins and losses go. Evelti is a solid performer and the rest of his mates give good support. Coach Pete Salzberg is looking for at least 16 wins and we're not about to argue with him.

Canisius (13-14)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Prospects for the Golden Griffs' cage program were lower than a worm's navel when Nick Macarchuk arrived on the scene four years ago, taking charge of a team that had finished 3-22 the previous season. Since then, ala General Electric, progress has been the most important product at Canisius, very nearly resulting in a winning record last season.

Returning from that "almost" club are three regulars, most noteworthy of whom is 6-6 senior forward Barry Young (12.8/5.3), top scorer and second best board man in 79-80. Another returning front line regular is 6-8 senior center Brian Toohey (8.9/4.6), while the Griffs will also be happy to see more of 6-8 senior Glenn Dixon (6.2/5.5), who wasn't eligible until mid-season last year after transferring from George Washington. Supplying depth inside are a pair of sophomore lettermen, 6-6 Brian Carver (5.5/4.3) and 6-8 Mark Rzemek (5.0/3.3), as well as 6-7 freshman Ed Becton, a strong rebounder from Soldan High in St. Louis, Missouri.

Disaster could be lurking in the backcourt, where the one and only experienced guard holding over is 6-4 sophomore Chris Kelly (2.7), and among the missing is ace playmaker Duke Richardson. Freshmen recruits in this area are 6-2 Robert Turner, another St. Louis product who played at McKinley High, and 6-2 Billy Jo Williams, while transfer guards are 6-3 Phil Seymore (Independence, Kansas, Junior College) and versatile 6-7 steve McDowell (Tulsa). Frosh Turner, a 24.8 ppg scorer last year, was nominated to the Adidas Prep All-America team in "Scholastic Coach Magazine," and fellow yearling Williams tossed in 25.5 per-game his final season at Elyria, Ohio, Catholic High.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year' Golden Griffins came within a whisker of the school's first winning record since the 1974-5 team led by scoring machine Larry Fogle. Alas, this season there are no Fogles on hand and not even a (Duke) Richardson, the guy who orchestrated Canisius' run-and-gun attack so well. A veteran front line will keep the Griffs respectable, but to our way of thinking, that won't be enough to lift them above the .500 level.

Colgate (8-17)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The old "close, but no cigar" adage applied to last year's Red Raiders, losers in seven games by four points or less. "We have to win the close ones we allowed to get away," observes Coach Mike Griffin, "Hopefully, experience and maturity will help us."

One player certain to keep Colgate in most games with his radar shooting touch is 6-4 senior guard Mike Ferrara (22.8), an ECAC North All-Star who capped off a banner 79-80 campaign with a 47-point outburst against Cornell. Starting at the other guard once more is 6-3 junior Tom Lee (4.2), while a plus in the backcourt is the return of 6-2 junior Dan Harrigan, who spent last season off-campus with a study group. Newly arrived guards, all freshmen, are 6-2 Jeff Charnov, 6-3 Derrick Godfrey, 6-0 Kevin Holloran, 6-1 Darryl Jones and 5-10 Darick Martin. Jones is a product of Washington, D.C.-area perennial power Mackin High. Lastly, up from last year's JV squad, with whom he averaged 14 ppg, is 6-2 sophomore John Baranowski.

Depth will be a key factor in the front line, where 6-6 senior Larry Quant (2.6/2.2), 6-7 senior John O'Dwyer (1.6/1.7) and 6-10 sophomore Chuck Garey (2.4/1.1) are pretty evenly matched at the pivot spot. Forwards certain to see plenty of action are 6-3 junior Butch Hill (6.4/2.8), 6-6 junior Paul Hoogenboom (4.4/3.1), 6-6 sophomore Eric Jones (5.7/3.6) and 6-4 junior George May (1.4/0.7). All of them lettered in 79-80. Coach Griffin is also very pleased to have the services of 6-8 junior Kevin Ryan, a transfer from Fordham who sat out last year under the redshirt transfer rule. Also, there's a pair of freshmen coming on board, 6-5 Jamie Bartholomei and 6-7 Robin Graff.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With dead-eye Ferrara leading the way, the Red Raiders should surpass last year's eight victories, and the win count could even go into double figures if Colgate learns how to come out on top in the close ones. The only serious graduation loss was top rebounder Doug Harley, but there's enough remaining up front to balance things out, and the eligibility of Fordham transfer Ryan will help in this area. All things considered, a rugged schedule will make it difficult for The 'Gate to climb above the .500 plateau this season.

Fairfield (11-16)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Stags got stung last year and coach Fred Barakat is banking on some now eligible transfers to help him climb back on the winning ladder. One is 6-8 junior forward Rich Wejnert, who began his collegiate career at South Carolina and then decided to return to the North. He'll be an instant starter up front. The other forward post belongs to 6-6 senior Mike Palazzi (6.9/4.2). Also on hand is 6-6 sophomore Henry Foster, who sat out last year due to academics after averaging seven points per game two years back. Also hoping to aid the cause is 6-6 freshman recruit Jerry Johnson. The pivot spot will again be manned by 6-10 sophomore Pete DeBisschop (5.3/3.5) who still needs more seasoning. His backstop is 6-10 junior Mickey Herzing (0.5/1.4).

The new face at guard figures to be 6-0 sophomore Mike Aldridge, another defector from the South, having transferred from Florida. He'll team with 5-11 sophomore Spencer Harrison (8.4) who was slowed last year by a broken wrist. Other experienced guards include 6-2 junior Ken Daniels (3.3) and 6-4 junior Rich D'Antonio (2.7). Freshmen help will come from 6-0 Robert Hurd and 6-4 Joe Sharkey.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: While the newcomers may bring some instant help, things are still in a state of flux. The pivot is weak and it's questionable whether or not there's enought firepower on hand to rip the cords very well. The best we can see is a break even season and it will be quite a struggle to even reach that plateau.

Niagara (11-16)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

For new head coach Pete Lonergan, formerly NU's top aide under the departed Dan Raskin, success or failure in his first year hinges on the two-pronged problems of star forward Garry Jordan. First, Jordan has to clear up the academic deficiencies that caused his ineligibility the second half of last season, and then get back into playing condition after gaining considerable weight during his forced lay-off.

Jordan, a 6-6 senior aptly nicknamed the "Baby Bull," needs just 465 points to move into the No. 2 slot behind the legendary Calvin Murphy on the school's career scoring list. If his grades get back to par and he loses that extra weight, Jordan will unite in the starting front line with the sophomore duo of 6-8 Maurice Sanford (9.9/4.9) and 6-9 Mike Howse (9.2/6.6), with relief help from 6-7 senior "fireman" Phil Rademacher (8.1/4.1). Also available are 6-6 junior Mike Holzschuh (5.9/2.9) and 6-6 freshman Gerry Henry.

Out front, leadership responsibilities fall on the shoulders of 6-2 junior Mike Phillips (12.3/100 assists). His guard partner will probably be 6-5 junior James "Skip" Speaks (9.3), who can also play forward if needed, with assistance from 6-2 senior Don Drum (5.5), 6-2 sophomore Jeff Hunter (5.3), 6-0 sophomore Al Colbert (3.1) and 6-3 freshman Mike Curran.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Sure, power forward Jordan isn't the whole team, but without his hefty presence inside, the Purple Eagles are not as strong at rebounding or scoring. Quarterback Phillips is one of the East's better point guards when he plays under control, but a competent partner is needed to make the backcourt truly solid. Faced with another demanding schedule, Niagara will be fortunate to get back above .500, with or without "Baby Bull" Jordan.

Army (7-17)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Most college football fans can tell you Miami (Ohio) University is dubbed the "Cradle of Coaches" for the many great pigskin mentors who first cut their teeth at that school. The U.S. Military Academy is gaining somewhat of a similar reputation in college basketball circles, having sent Tates Locke to Clemson, and later Jacksonville, Bobby Knight to Indiana and most recently, Mike Krzyzewski to Duke.

Taking over as the new Cadets' bench boss is Pete Gaudet, Krzyzewski's right hand man the past five years. Gaudet's chief undertaking will be shoring up a backcourt hit very hard by graduation and team drop-outs, and do so in time to have Army ready for an early schedule that sends them to Houston's Cougar Classic and the Connecticut Classic at Hartford.

Up front, the Black Knights should ride much taller in the saddle, with returning forward regulars in 6-5 seniors Bob Brown (16.4/4.1) and Marty Coyne (15.6/6.1). Keeping both on their best behavior will be 6-3 junior Mike Spencer (7.6/3.7), who finished strong last season, while incoming plebes (Army jargon for freshmen) with impressive prep backgrounds are 6-7 Brad Greene, 6-6 Mike Monahan, 6-5 Tony Waters and 6-8 David Lawrence.

A real free-for-all is expected for the vacant guard spots, pitting a pair of 79-80 reserves, 6-0 Paul Mongan (1.1) and 6-1 Neil Dougherty, who played only the first half of last season and thus still has freshman eligibility status, against newly arrived plebes Dennis Schlitt, 6-1, and Pete Popovich, 6-3. Our money is on the two fresh recruits, Schlitt, who paced Milwaukee's Marquette High to last year's Wisconsin parochial school state championship, and Popovich, a Pittsburgh, PA native selected one of the top twenty prepsters in that area.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cadets slipped under the .500 mark last season for the first time in four years, and they could very well be in the same predicament when the 80-81 curtain rings down. Forwards Brown, Coyne and Spencer can all score well enough, but the Black Knights need someone to mop off the backboards, while at the same time trying to sort out the jumbled guard situation. Pete Gaudet's first year as hardwood general on the banks of the Hudson could turn out as poorly as Napoleon's ill-fated campaign at Waterloo.

St. Francis, N.Y. (11-15)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Eric Greene, a 6-1 senior guard, would have been the second best returning sharpshooting backcourt man in the land this year but he didn't score enough points to qualify under the NCAA standards. Greene led the Terriers with a 16.9 scoring average, hitting a scorching 64.1 per cent of his shots last time out. His backcourt buddy also returns in the presence of 6-0 junior Edgar Delarosa (5.9), the top assist and steal man on the squad. Other guard help will come from 6-2 senior Mark Woods (6.3), 5-11 senior Ken Berry (5.1) and 6-3 sophomore Darius Pearson (6.9).

The problem area is up front where some scoring punch is sorely needed. The top returnee is 6-5 sophomore forward Lorenzo Distant (9.1/5.8). He figures to be joined, at the other forward, by 6-4 sophomore Kevin Henry (8.4/4.4). Others in line for game time include 6-5 sophomore Joel Carpenter (5.1/3.9) and 6-4 junior transfer Don Beale. The pivot spot will be battled for by 6-7 sophomore Mike Lalpuis (0.8/1.6) and incoming 6-8 freshman Larry Tobin.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Terriers finished just about where we and everyone else expected them to last year in a rebuilding campaign. In Greene they have an excellent shooter who can bomb from anywhere but the rest of the supporting cast is just an average unit. That means an average season, somewhere around the break even mark.

Manhattan (4-22)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Over the past two years, the Jaspers have compiled an aggregate 10-42 mark. A peek at their 80-81 schedule (St. John's Princeton, Holy Cross, South Carolina, Temple, Rutgers, ad nauseum) points to more of the same in Brian Mahoney's second year at the helm.

The team's strength, if such a term can be applied here, will be a veteran backcourt paced by 6-1 junior John Leonard (13.0), last year's top scorer in a controlled offense. Additional backliners with good experience are 6-2 senior Deucey Hughes (8.7), 6-2 junior Jim Ward (5.8), 6-2 senior Sergio Bardaji (3.3) and 6-2 junior Russell Barnes (1.2).

Underneath, the Jaspers have a legitimate seven-footer in sophomore center Chris Van Deurs, but his frosh stats (3.9/3.1) tell you how far he has to progress before his performance matches his height. The tested forwards are 6-5 sophomore Jim Bronner (2.6/3.0) and 6-5 Brinton Huggins (6.8/3.9), the latter returning after sitting out the second half of last season on academic probation. The newcomers, both frosh forwards, are 6-7 Skip Connors (Southboro, Mass.) and 6-7 Bill McLellan (Bergenfield, N.J.).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Maloney, a Jasper alum, played on several pretty good Manhattan teams in the late sixties and early seventies. But it's been pretty much downhill for the school's cage program since then, and the slide to a third straight 20-loss season seems to be at the end of the 80-81 road.

New Hampshire (4-22)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Rodney Dangerfield could empathize with last year's Wildcats, because the UNH cagers didn't get no respect, neither! Coach Gerry Friel hopes that changes during the coming season, and well it could if the 'Cats start winning the close games that got away from them in 79-80.

In the front line, Coach Friel's main endeavor is finding help off the backboard for 6-8 junior center Mike Keller (10.8/7.1). It could come from a quartet of junior forwards: 6-7 Jack Burns (3.0/1.8), 6-6 Chris Gildea (4.3/2.8), 6-5 Karl Hicks (3.3/2.0) and 6-5 Brady Otey (3.9/2.2). Or, from 6-5 senior Ken Herbert, an 11.5 ppg scorer two years ago felled by a knee injury last season. There's also 6-6 freshman Dan Nolan, a power forward who averaged 27 points and 19 reebs per contest his final year at Watertown, CT, High.

Backcourt play should by UNH's strongpoint, despite the graduation of No. 2 scorer Paul Dufour (10.6) Holdover

guards with the aggregate talent to offset that loss are 6-2 sophomore Robin Dixon (10.1), 6-1 junior Randy Kinzly (4.7) and 6-2 senior Dana Chapman (9.6) Kizly led the 79-80 'Cats in assists, as well as field goal and free throw shooting percentage. Leaving nothing to chance, however, Coach Friel and associates imported freshmen guards Al McClain, 6-2, and Mike Dinneen, 6-4. McClain fired in an eye-popping 37.5 ppg his last prep campaign, while Dinneen was no slouch in the scoring department himself, netting 26.8 per outing.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Wildcats won only four, dropped twenty-two last season, but stronger inside play will go a long way toward improvement. As will increased firepower from the backcourt, which should be forthcoming if frosh recruits McClain and Dinneen are the kind of shooters their prep stats suggest. UNH has a good chance at doubling their 79-80 victory total, and the 'Cats could even break into double digits in the win column.

Eastern Athletic

Rutgers (14-14)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

In his seven years as hardwood head master in New Brunswick, Tom Young has led the Scarlet Knights to a composite 149-57 record (.723%) and six post-season appearances. Those are not the kind of figures one accumulates without equal amounts of hard work, planning and patience, all attributes Young has in long supply. So, with his eye on the future, the Rutgers' mentor had to bite the bullet last season when his team just managed to break even in the won-lost column, often using a line-up that featured as many as three freshmen starters.

Now that the Knights are over their teething stage, it should be they who do the chewing this time around -- and they could even gnaw their way to the top of the Eastern Athletic Association. Guidance for Coach Young's sophomore-dominated squad comes from 6-5 senior forward Kelvin Troy (18.9/8.3), a concensus all-league selection a year ago and one of the toughest "in-your-face" defenders in the nation. Hopefully, Troy won't have to shoulder so much of the scoring load his senior campaign, which of course calls for increased outputs from the sophomore front line duo of 6-6 forward Kevin Black (10.1/6.7) and 6-9 center Roy Hinson (9.7/5.6), both starters most of their frosh campaigns. Hinson, who had 60 shot rejections in 79-80, came on particularly strong at the end of the campaign, earning all-star team recognition in the EAA's post-season tournament. Rounding out the tested front line group are 7-0 senior Rudy Manne and the Nieberlein brothers, 6-5 senior Gene and 6-8 sophomore Chris. But the player Rutgers fans can hardly wait to see is 6-7 junior Clarence Tillman, a transfer from Kentucky who won't be eligible until the third week of December.

The Scarlet Knights will use three different guards on a rotating basis, those players being 6-0 sophomore Ken Payne (6.5/73 assists), 6-1 junior Darius Griffin (5.5) and 6-2 sophomore Rich Brunson (3.0). Payne is a fine young point guard who really started feeling comfortable in that role toward the end of his frosh season, while Griffin's main contribution is his ability to come off the bench and turn games around.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Wait 'til next year never rang truer than it did for last year's Knights, who paid their dues and are ready to start dishing out their own share of lessons now. Forward Troy, an excellent player in all phases of the game, is an All-American prospect who keeps Rutgers glued together on the floor. And that extra cohesion as a unit, borne out of last year's adversity, should not only vault Coach Young's squad to a much better record, it might also shoot them all the way to the top of the Eastern Eight.

Pittsburgh (17-12)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Just as the Seventies witnessed a re-birth of Panther football, culminating in a national pigskin title in 1976, so the 1980's figure to see Pitt's basketball program rise to nation wide prominence. "It is obvious to me that the University has made a strong commitment to the basketball program," says new Coach Roy Chipman, "It is obvious in the attitude of the administration, in our support services, in our recruiting budget -- even in the start of (renovation) work on the Field House."

Chipman comes on board after a three-year stint at Lafayette produced a 60-28 mark, two East Coast Conference titles and an NIT bid last season. Ironically, the Panthers also made the NIT trek in their final year under Tim Grgurich, and returning from that club are all but one regular, No. 1 scorer Sammie Ellis. Preeminent among the holdovers, of course, is 6-6 senior forward "Slam Bam" Sam Clancy (11.8/11.1), 235-pounds of pure power and the top rebounder in the Eastern Eight the past two years. Running mate Ellis' old forward spot has lettermen bidders in 6-5 Lennie McMillan (6.1/2.7) and 6-10 junior Ed Wallace (0.0/0.3), plus a trio of well-regarded freshmen -- 6-5 Clyde Vaughn, 6-9 Steve Beatty and 6-7 Brett Crawford. Mount Vernon, New York product Vaughn (New Rochelle High), who tickled the twines for 34.6 ppg his last prep year, is one of the top-rated small forwards in the nation, and he could also help the Panthers as a swing guard. Pivot duties will probably be shared by the tall, but erratic duo of 6-9 sophomore Paul Brozovich (2.8/1.9) and injury-plagued 6-11 senior Ed Scheuermann (2.8/2.3).

The starting backcourt returns intact, 6-5 senior and No. 2 scorer Carlton Neverson (12.8) and 6-3 junior Dwayne Wallace (8.4), second best assist man in the Eastern Eight last season with 103. Off the bench, there's 6-5 senior David Olinger (6.8), 6-2 junior Darrell Gissendanner (2.2), 6-2 sophomore John Ryan (1.4), 6-3 junior Scott Grevey (1.7) and 6-1 freshman Charles Williams.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: A new era has started for the Panthers, with Dr. Roy Chipman taking charge, and we concur whole-heartedly with the school's athletic publicity folks when they call him a "winner." That image won't be tarnished in his first year at Pitt, since he inherits most of last season's NIT club, augmented by his own impressive array of new recruits. "Super Sam" Clancy and guard Neverson, both of whom earned all-Eastern Eight mention in 79-80, lead a solid contingent capable of duplicating the 17-wins chalked up a year ago. But unless "Super Sam" gets help inside, the Panthers will fall short again in their quest for a first-ever Eastern Eight crown.

Duquesne (18-10)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Iron Duke athletic publicity department says the best way to describe this year's cage squad is "unsettled," so we looked up the word in a dictionary to see if it really applied. Merriam-Webster describes unsettled in this way: "Not fixed (in position or character); not decided in mind; undetermined." Yep, that's Coach Mike Rice's team.

Missing from last year's NIT club are three starters, most noteworthy of whom are All-East guard B.B. Flenory and forward Doug Arnold, who combined for almost half of last season's offensive scoring punch. Also departed is center Fred Moon, although 7-0 sophomore Ricky Tunstall (4.4/3.9/73 blocked shots) should fill in nicely now that he's picked up a year's experience. Backstopping him in the middle will be 6-11 freshman Dave Udanis (Fox Chapel, PA).

One forward spot will be capably filled by 6-7 junior Bruce Atkins (10.2/9.3), top rebounder the past two years. A replacement must be found for old sidekick Arnold, a loser in the battle of books who dropped out of school when he was declared academically ineligible for the coming season. Foremost of the candidates to fill that hole are 6-7 senior John Moore, a 79-80 red-shirt due to knee injury, 6-8 sophomore Joey Myers (1.9/1.3) and 6-6 JUCO transfer Barnett Harris.

The loss that hurts most, however, is guard Flenory, a

three-year regular. Ronnie Dixon (8.1), a 6-4 senior, is set again at the other backcourt spot, while holdovers shooting for Flenory's old haunt are 6-3 junior Tom Cvitokic (1.7) and 6-4 junior Rod Scott (1.8). Freshman additions are 6-2 Tony Long (Wheeling, WV) and 6-2 Andy Sisinni, the playmaking ace for last year's Erie, PA Class AAA state championship team.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The loss of guard Flenory and center Moon was not unexpected, but that of academic casualty Arnold was an unpleasant surprise for Coach Rice. Forward Atkins is the best of the returnees, and one of the premier board men in the Eastern Eight, while seven-foot soph Tunstall should be "ready" at the pivot spot. Dixon is a battle-tested guard, as well, but it still doesn't seem adequate for the Iron Dukes to match last year's fine performance -- even if the won-lost mark does stay on the plus side of .500.

Rhode Island (15-13)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Rams are the newest member of the Eastern Eight and are tickled pink to have finally gotten into the circuit. Coach Jack Kraft has enjoyed quiet success in Kingston and now he's hoping to really explode in a big way. His big gun is 6-8 senior power forward Jimmy Wright (15.5/9.1) who can do it all. The other forward post belongs to 6-6 sophomore Marc Upshaw (9.3/5.5) who has very quick hands as evidenced by his team leading 41 steals last year. Backup strength at forward will come from 6-6 junior Gilson DeJesus (8.9/5.0), a member of the 1980 Brazilian Olympic Team; 6-3 senior Phil Kydd (7.9/3.6) and three very good 6-7 incoming freshmen -- Chris Cummings, Chris Metcalf and Wendell Walters. The pivot will again be occupied by 6-8 junior Roland Houston (5.3/4.4) who finished last season strongly.

The backcourt is keyed by 6-3 sophomore Horace "Pappy" Owens (12.3), last year's top assist man with 71. With Nick Johnson, the other guard starter last season having withdrawn from school, things are up in the air concerning the remaining starter. But they won't stay that way for long. Pete Torncello, a 6-2 freshman, averaged 29 points per game last year in the prep ranks and figures to see immediate action. He'll get some pressure though from 6-2 junior Kevin Whiting (5.5) and 6-0 junior John Monk (1.6).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Rams could be a very formidable force in their first year of league play. The frontcourt is solid with the veterans and the newcomers, especially Walters, will add plenty of depth. If Torncello is as good as we think, he'll fill the void at guard and we believe Rhodie can make a real run at the league crown; win 20 games in the process and end up NCAA bound.

St. Bonaventure (16-11)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Compared to Coach Jim Satalin's seventh edition of Bonnies, the fastest team in school history by the skipper's estimation, the cartoon Roadrunner looks slower than Hunt's ketchup. "We'll press the full 40 minutes, look to beat our opponents down court, and take advantage of our quickness in man-to-man situations," Satalin comments, "If we take complete advantage of that strength we'll be as strong as any of the teams in the (Eastern Eight) conference." Move over, Roadrunner, here come the Bonnies -- beep, beep, zoom!

Clearly the best of Coach Satalin's run-run-run cagers is 6-6 senior forward Earl Belcher (26.9/7.3), the 8th highest scorer in the nation and the EAA's Player-of-the-Year last season. Belcher's greatest asset is his ability to convert the three-point play, and his 86.8 percent shooting from the free throw line a year ago also put him up among the national leaders. "Earl Belcher will get his shots and score and there's not a darn thing you can do about it," observes rival coach Jim Boeheim of Syracuse. Offering veteran assistance up front will be 6-8 sophomore center Eric Stover (8.0/7.3), who must learn to curb his foul tendencies, and 6-5 senior swingman Alfonza Jones (9.0/3.9), a starter in 79-80 at both guard and forward. Incoming freshmen certain to aid the cause are 6-6 John Benbrook, a strong 220-pounder who should add muscle inside, and slender 6-5 Elgin Riggins, nicknamed the "Human Eraser" during an all-state prep career (Lyons, NY) that once saw him block an incredible 19 shots in a game.

In the backcourt, the mover-and-shaker is 6-2 sophomore Mark Jones (11.4/87 assists), who led all frosh in the country last season with an 88.4% free throw shooting average. Coach Satalin calls Jones "the clear-cut choice as the league's top returning guard." Filling the other guard spot is 6-1 junior Lacey Fulmer (2.2), a part-time regular the past two years, while newly arrived are 6-2 freshman Norman Clark and 6-1 freshman Eric Crawford. Clarke is a Canadian export (Toronto's Oakwood Institute) who averaged 25 points and eight assists for a 42-2 team his final prep year, and the Bonnie coaching staff thinks he has diamond in the rough potential.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Quickness has been the hallmark of St. Bona cage teams during Jim Satalin's tenure, which has produced a pair of 20-game winners, an NIT title and an NCAA Tourney invite. This year's edition could also flirt with the 20-victory plateau, sparked by brilliant forward Belcher, who is just now getting some long overdue national recognition. Admittedly, lack of a genuine and for-real BIG MAN (ala, former Bonnie great Bob Lanier) is something of a handicap, but not enough to keep St. Bonaventure from making louder noises in this year's Eastern Eight title squabble.

West Virginia (15-14)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

Mountaineer cage mentor Gail Catlett would agree wholeheartedly with the words from pop singer John Denver's song that went, "almost heaven, West Virginia." A native of the state who returned three years ago to coach his alma mater, Catlett has seen both WVU's record and attendance figures improve steadily during his tenure, to the point his team could be ready to challenge for Eastern Eight supremacy.

That title quest will come a cropper, however, unless the Mountaineers can replace the excellent guard tandem of Lowes Moore and Joe Fryz, who last season supplied an aggregate 27.1 ppg average and 219 assists. A pair of sophomore lettermen trying to fill those vacancies are 6-1 Greg Jones (4.7) and 6-2 Diego McCoy (3.2), although pressuring them will be 6-3 JUCO transfer Quentin Freeman and 6-5 freshman "big guard" Michael King, a Uniontown, PA. product who played in the last Dapper Dan Classic. JC recruit Freeman is looked upon as perhaps the perfect replacement for the departed Moore because he's left-handed, has a good outside shot and great leaping ability.

The good news for Mountaineer fans is the return of the entire starting front line of 6-8 senior Greg Nance (12.8/7.6), leading rebounder and number-two scorer last season, along with 6-7 sophomore Russel Todd (8.2/4.9) and 6-9 junior Phil Collins (7.8/6.6). Pivot man Collins, however, will be pushed hard by 6-9 junior Donnie Gipson (4.9/5.4) and 6-11 incoming freshman Tim Kearney, a prep all-stater from Falls Church, VA. who played in the same front line with heralded seven-footer Earl Jones in the McDonald's Capital Classic all-star game. Best of the monogram winning front liners are 6-6 senior Dennis Hosey (4.0/2.8) and 6-8 junior Noah Moore (3.6/1.6), while the Mountaineers also welcome back 6-10 Devon Howe, a freshman eligible red-shirted last year after suffering a broken wrist in a pre-season scrimmage.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: WVU's basketball fortunes have been on the upswing since the return of native son Gale Catlett, who has directed his charges to winning records his first two years at the helm. The Mountaineers should continue their winning ways in 80-81, but the dual loss of backcourters Lowes Moore and Fryz will prevent their climbing to the top of the Eastern Eight standings.

George Washington (15-11)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Ever see the Harlem Globetrotters do their routine where they switch the regular basketball for one that goes flat when it's dribbled? Coach Bob Tallent of the Colonials might be tempted to let some air out of the ball in a similar fashion, since graduation swept away Brian Magid, Mike Zagardo and Tom Glenn, who supplied more than half of last year's scoring punch.

With pivot regular Zagardo (15.5/8.6) missing, Coach Tallent intends to employ a three forward look, with one spot

reserved for 6-3 sophomore Oscar Wilmington (6.6/3.1), a starter most of his frosh campaign. Monogram winners with designs on the other two up front berths are 6-6 junior Paul Gracza (3.2/2.6), 6-6 senior Curtis Smith (2.9/1.7), 6-7 sophomore Nip Rogers (2.0/0.3), 6-4 senior Bucky Roman (1.8/1.1) and 6-7 sophomore Dan Sullivan (1.0/0.0). Rogers, a good ball handler for a player 6-7, will also see guard duty. Freshmen recruits in the forward squabble are 6-5 Steve Perry and 6-8 Doug Vanderwal, while joining up as a sophomore eligible is 6-9 Eddie Vidal, a 21-year-old graduate of American High School in Barcelona, Spain who has been playing amateur basketball in that country since he concluded his scholastic career.

Guard standout Magid, No. 1 free throw shooter in the country last season, will be replaced by 6-3 JUCO transfer Wilbert Skipper, about whom Coach Tallent comments: "He's not the outside shooter Brian was -- very few are -- but he's quicker, a better jumper and knows how to score." Returning at the other guard is 6-0 senior Curtis Jeffries (9.9), whose 94 assists and 63 steals last season were both team highs. Reserve help in the backcourt looks a bit sketchy, numbering only 6-1 sophomore Randy Davis (3.7) and 6-4 freshman Jon Turner.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite All-Eastern Eight center Zagardo and free throw deadeye Magid, as well as the high-jumping Glenn, the Colonials struggled just to come up with a winning record last season. And now, with that trio missing and a very rugged 80-81 slate to be tackled, Coach Tallent's cagers are in danger of falling back into the red in the won-lost department.

East Coast

East Division

St. Joseph's (21-9)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Coach Jim Lynam of the Hawks didn't even have to leave his own backyard to land a pair of frosh recruits, 6-10 Tony Costner and 6-5 Lonnie McFarlan, who could both turn out to be among the best players in school history. Put that dynamic young duo together with the abundant talent left over from last year's NIT team, and what you have my friend is what might possibly be the strongest ball club in the East this season.

Costner, who led Philadelphia's Overbrook High to two straight city titles, is the big man the Hawks need to challenge on the national level. He should relieve last year's pivot regular, 6-8 senior Marcellus "Boo" Williams (13.9/7.9)., for more duty at forward. Williams, an All-ECC selection in 79-80, is just 583 points shy of Cliff Anderson's career school scoring record of 1,728. Also holding over are forward starters Mike Morrow (12.0/5.2) and John Smith (8.7/6.6), a pair of 6-5 seniors, while letter-winning front liners back in camp are 6-5 junior Mark Dearborn (3.7/1.9), 6-11 senior Steve Kearney (3.1/1.4), 6-8 sophomore Paul Morrison (1.7/2.1) and 6-5 senior Kevin Rafferty (0.0/1.5). The second of the home-grown frosh phenoms, the 6-5 McFarlan, will swing between a small forward and big guard position, and also arriving via the prep route is 6-9 Kevin Springman, who played last year at Virginia's Fork Union Military Academy.

The only serious graduation loss was that of point guard Luke Griffin, who handed out a school record 523 assists during his career. Returning at the other backcourt spot is 6-4 junior Bryan Warrick (11.9), with Griffin's quarterback job going to 6-2 junior Jeffery Clark, a regular two years ago who sat out last season for academic reasons. Other experienced guards on call are 6-0 junior Kevin Van Osten (1.7), 6-3 junior Bill Healy (0.7), 6-5 sophomore Tony DiCaro (1.8) and 5-11 junior Neil Collins (0.5), while newly arrived is 6-0 freshman Bill Mitchell.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Jim Lynam has done one heckuva job since taking his alma mater's coaching reins three years ago, and this could be his best season yet. The Hawks should not only rule the ECC-East Division and win twenty games again, but they might even break into the national Top Twenty with all this club has going for it.

Temple (14-12)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Owls lost some very close encounters of the heartbreaking kind last year but head coach Don Casey doesn't expect that to happen this time around. Casey has his entire team returning along with some fine looking newcomers. He'll reply on 6-2 senior Keith Parham (13.2) to run the show. The other guard slot belongs to 6-4 sophomore Jim McLoughlin (7.7). Backup support will come from 6-2 junior Ray Thompson (3.6) and 6-1 sophomore Donny Dodds (4.8), last year's top assist producer with 93.

Three forwards who saw starting duty return to action paced by 6-8 junior Alton McCullough (10.0/7.2), 6-6 senior Neal Robinson (9.5/5.8) had an off year last time out and Casey hopes he can rebound to equal his sophomore performance. A transfer last year, 6-7 senior Mark Davis (8.5/5.8) performed quite well. The pivot spot belongs to 6-11 senior Ron Wister (7.1/5.6) who's an adequate, but certainly not dominating, performer. The recruiting was pegged to aid the front line and two standouts may see immediate action -- 6-8 Granger Hall and 6-6 Peter Aguilar.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Owls' deliberate style of play makes the individual stats deceiving. This team is solid in all departments, especially up front where the newcomers will contribute heavily and push the veterans for playing time. While St. Joseph's is everybody's (GAMEPLAN included) favorite to capture the league title, we think the Owls will be right on their cross town rivals' heels and could very well upset the apple cart.

Massachusetts (2-24)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Just when things were starting to look up a bit for UMass skipper Ray Wilson, who endured a horrendous 2-24 baptism in his first year in Amherst, leading scorer Curtis Phauls (15.5) dropped out of school for personal reasons. Which puts us in mind of that old saying about the only kind of luck some people have is bad luck!

The unexpected departure of Phauls is bound to hurt in a front line that wasn't all that world-beating to start with. Experienced inside returnees are 6-7 sophomore Dan Wright (10.2) and 6-8 junior Jay Stewart (6.5), while Coach Wilson and his aides also added the services of three junior college products, 6-7 Paul Broner, 6-5 Dave Genis and 6-6 Harry Kemp, as well as the duo of 6-10 transfer Jim Mosier and 6-5 freshman Tyrone Whitehead. And with that info, it doesn't take a basketball Einstein to surmise the Minutemen will be very young in the front court.

The backline brigade has more of a seasoned appearance, with 6-1 senior Tom Witkos (8.5) and 6-3 sophomore Tyus Nedd (10.2) ready for more starting action. Support will come from 6-3 junior Jeff Bierly (2.1), and a trio of raw but promising frosh signees -- 6-2 Kevin Bond, 5-9 Ron Washington and 6-5 Keith Witt. Bond, a 22 ppg scorer last year at Detroit's Northern High, has the blazing quickness and take-charge ability the UMass backcourt needs.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's all too evident that UMass, winners only twice last season, have only one direction to go, and that's up. However, the premature defection of Phauls and lack of a reliable big man may prove just too much for a pretty talented backcourt group to offset, and that points to, at most, only a few more wins and another cellar finish in the Eastern Eight for the Minutemen.

Hofstra (14-14)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Flying Dutchmen are still batting 1.000 in the head coaching department. Three years, three new skippers. Latest to take the reins is Dick Berg, mentor at Dowling College for the past 12 years, a span that saw that school forge a 275-79 hardwood record. Berg's winning ways should continue in his first campaign at Hofstra since he inherits all five 79-80 regulars, including perhaps the finest forward tandem in the East Coach Conference -- David Taylor and Lionel Harvey.

Taylor (17.6/6.7), a 6-8 sophomore, earned ECC Rookie-of-the-Year honors last season, while 6-5 senior Harvey (16.3/8.0) demonstrated great timing and leaping ability as he led the team in rebounding. Joining them in the starting front line again is 6-7 senior Doug Swanson (6.0/2.3). Letter-winning frontliners back on the scene are 6-8 senior Gary Cheslock (5.9/4.9) and 6-4 senior swingman Alvin Woods, the latter a 79-80 injury casualty who netted 13.1 ppg the previous year. New recruits up front are a trio of freshmen -- 6-10 Bill Regan (Uniondale, N.Y.), 6-5 Chris Rankin (Valley Stream, N.Y.) and 6-6 Julio Gotay (Ponce, Puerto Rico).

The backcourt is just as strong, led by holdover junior regulars, 6-0 Steve Brawley (8.4/116 assists) and 6-4 Dan Rumph (6.6). The above mentioned Alvin Woods will also help out if he's healthy again, as will 6-2 sophomore Eric Harvey (2.5), younger brother of Lionel. Coming on board is 6-2 frosh Joe Reid (North Babylon, N.Y.).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Ironically, the Flying Dutchmen open this season against Coach Berg's old school, Dowling College. Hofstra should win that one handily, but later on, the 79-80 schedule presents some far more formidable obstacles. The excellent forward duo of Taylor and Harvey will hold their own against the best of 'em, while veteran backcourters Brawley and Rumph will also hang tough. Lack of a truly reliable BIG MAN will keep the Flying Dutchmen from soaring into the ozone, but this team is still capable of making a spirited run at the ECC-East title.

LaSalle (22-9)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Coach Dave "Lefty" Ervin is up for the Understatement-of-the-Year award on the basis of his comment regarding the brutal schedule his team must face this season: "It will be a major challenge for us." Missouri, Notre Dame, Alabama, DePaul, Temple, St. Joseph's (Pa.), Pennsylvania and Villanova are among the heavyweights on LaSalle's 80-81 slate, a line-up that could turn a basketball coach old before his team. Especially, when you consider Coach Ervin will be without the services of All-America forward Michael Brooks, forward partner Mo Connolly and guard Kurt Kanaskie.

Between them last season, Brooks, Connolly and Kanaskie accounted for 53 of the team's 80.9 per-game points, and since they don't figure to be replaced easily, the Explorers will probably play less run-and-gun during the coming hardwood campaign. The lone holdover regular up front is 6-8 senior center/forward Stanley Williams (7.8/5.7), who will operate more out of the corners if 7-1 sophomore pivot Tom Piotrowski is ready for full-time duty after red-shirting last season to gain experience and stamina. Other forward possibilities are 6-5 senior Don Word (4.5/3.4), 6-6 sophomore Dave Kerins (3.3/1.0) and 6-8 freshman Brent Hagwood.

Keying the backcourt contingent is 6-2 senior Kevin Lynam (8.9/130 assists), whom Coach Ervin calls "one of the most stable guards in the East." His starting partner figures to be 6-0 senior Greg Webster (2.9), last year's sixth man and a tenacious defender. Monogram winners supplying backline depth are 6-4 sophomore Dave Davis (0.6), 6-3 junior Paul Harter (1.4) and 6-3 sophomore Ralph Gilmore (0.8). The Explorers also expect an immediate contribution from 6-5 freshman Phil Burton, who made an excellent impression in post-season high school all-star tournament play.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Minus do-everything Michael Brooks (plus Connolly and Kanaskie), it will be very difficult for LaSalle to defend its ECAC-East title, or make another post-season appearance. The pivotal factor up front is the development of seven-footer Piotrowski, who could be a dominant force inside if he's fully matured, while the backcourt boasts veteran leadership in seniors Lynam and Webster. But, then, there's the SCHEDULE the Explorers must tackle in 80-81, reason enought to expect a drop in victories as well as a hard time staying on top of their division for another year.

American U. (13-14)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

Seven points made the difference between an 18-9 record and the actual 13-14 log the Eagles posted last year. They dropped three one point decisions and two more by a single field goal. The Eagles, fortunately, have one of the nation's top point producers returning this year. He's 6-5 senior forward Boo Bowers (26.9/6.4), seventh best scorer in the land a year ago. The other forward post will go to 6-6 senior Dennis Ross (5.4/5.9) with additional help coming from 6-7 frosh recruit Fernando Aunon and 6-6 transfer David Ridley. The pivot will be held down by 6-8 sophomore Ray McCarthy.

The point guard is well taken care of with 6-2 senior Robin Hoey (11.6) back in action. If he goes over to the shooting guard spot then 5-11 sophomore Gordon Auston (2.1) will run the show. If not, then look for 6-5 sophomore transfer Mark Nickens to be the second guard. Additional backcourt help should come from 6-2 senior Chris Knoche (4.5), 6-3 sophomore Ed Sloane and 6-3 freshman Michael Wade.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Bowers is a definite All-America candidate and will get his share of points every outing. But what about the rest of the cast? There's a big question mark in the middle. One we don't think will be resolved satisfactorily and that leads us to the conclusion that a repeat performance of last year's record -- somewhere in the break-even category -- is the best the Eagles can hope for this time around.

Drexel (12-15)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

When Drexel defeated Temple 60-59 last February it ended 72 years of frustration. The Dragons hadn't accomplished that feat since 1908. That was the highlight of a so-so campaign. Three starters returns from last season's team and coach Eddie Burke hopes to notch some more wins over ECC biggies. Burke will look to 6-9 senior center Len Hatzenbeller (13.0/6.5) for leadership. The big guy averaged over 20 points per game the latter part of last year. Joining him up front again will be 6-6 junior Randy Burkert (11.5/5.3). The other regular figures to be 6-7 sophomore Mike McIntyre (2.3/0.3) with 6-8 incoming freshman Mike Mitchell still a year away as far as seasoning goes.

The problem area is the backcourt which, on paper, won't produce many points. In 6-2 junior Derek Jones (6.8) the Dragons have a good penetrator but he's not much of an outside threat. The same can be said about 6-0 sophomore John Siorek (4.4) who runs the show from the point. 6-2 junior Mike Moran (4.4) suffered a sophomore slump last year after shooting much better as a yearling.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: As Hatzenbeller goes so go the Dragons. If the tall timberman has a good season then we look for this team to approach the .500 level. If not, then things could be bleak cause he doesn't have a strong supporting cast around him.

West Division

Lafayette (21-8)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

"Highly personable" is the phrase the Leopards' athletic publicity department uses to describe the school's new head basketball coach, 30-year-old Will Rackley, top aide to the departed (for Pittsburgh U.) Dr. Roy Chipman the past three seasons. Rackley had also better be "highly competent" since three regulars, including 1-2 scorers Bob Falconiero

and Charlie Naddaff, are missing from last year's NIT ball club.

Falconiero and Naddaff went the normal graduation route, while frosh forward regular Rich Congo dropped out of school, leaving 6-5 sophomore Thomas Best (11.2/8.4) and 6-1 junior Mike Whitman (10.0/107 assists) as the holdover starters. Forward Best will have a new sidekick with Congo missing, and the veteran bidders are lettermen, 6-7 senior Dan King (4.8/3.1), 6-4 senior Mike Thompson (1.7/1.1) and 6-6 sophomore Tony Furey (1.5/0.9), with King also slated for a try-out at the vacant center spot. Freshmen recruits ticketed for front court duty are 6-7 Butch Baylor, 6-7 Allen Goetz, 6-8 Ted Johnson and 6-5 John Kiernan, while back after sitting out the 79-80 campaign due to illness is 6-8 senior Brian Gillis.

Monogram winners bidding for the backcourt spot opposite returning regular Whitman are 6-1 junior Chaz Keller (2.2) and 6-2 junior Bob Wolff (2.5), with the newly arrived contingent comprised of three frosh signees -- 6-4 Chet Brightful, 6-0 Doug Bennett and 5-10 Tony Rodriguez.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's bad enough rookie top kick Rackley has to go without a trio of 79-80 regulars, but he also has to do so against a brutal non-ECC schedule that includes the Virginia Tipoff Tournament, Tennessee, Detroit, Penn State, etc. All of which indicates to us that, while the Leopards have sharp enough claws to scratch out another winning record, hitting the twenty-plateau again is a whole 'nother story!

Bucknell (20-7)

Starters Returning - 1 **Schedule - Avg.**

The folks in Lewisbury are beating the publicity drums for senior guard Al Leslie, a solid All-America candidate who broke the school's one-season scoring record in 79-80 with 564 points and a 20.9 per game average. "His ability and leadership should make us a good basketball team," comments Coach Charlie Woollum, "(but) just how good remains to be seen."

The reason the Bucknell skipper tempers his optimism about the coming season is that Leslie is the lone returning starter from last year's 20-win club. "There's no doubt that our team will have a different personality. We've lost six people who played a lot of basketball for us," says Woollum. Starting at the guard spot opposite Leslie will be 5-9 senior Paul Adkins (0.9), although he'll feel pressure from 6-0 freshman Carl Cosimano, a 17 ppg scorer his final prep year at St. Alban's in Washington, D.C.

In the front line, the most serious loss was center and career scoring leader Bob Barry, also the team's top rebounder the past four years. "Barry, and also (graduated) Steve Sigl, made us a contender in every game with their rebounding," Coach Woollum remembers with a certain amount of sadness. Lettermen returning up front are 6-5 junior Paul Harrison (1.5), 6-5 senior Howard Manly (0.9), 6-6 senior Mike Page (2.6) and 6-7 junior Deb Okorodudu (0.5). A pair of 6-2 senior swingmen, Ted Schoeck (1.3) and Joe Vullo (1.7), will also help underneath. Tall timber added in the latest frosh harvest were 6-10 Steve Connor (Sandy Spring, Maryland) and 6-7 Matt Romberger (Gilbertsville, Pa.).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The past two years have seen the Bisons thunder to records of 18-9 and 20-7, but rising that high this season will be extremely difficult. Sweet-shooting guard Leslie will keep Bucknell respectable, while Adkins and frosh backcourter Cosimano should insure strong play at the guards. However, question marks abound in the front line, and Bucknell's lack of experienced rebounders and inside scorers portends a drop in both won-lost status and in the ECC-West standings.

Rider (10-18)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Remember back in the early 50's when a singing group called the Four Freshmen was the rage? They were reincarnated last year in Trenton and coach John Carpenter is hoping they become a big hit this time around. That's a tall order considering that all-time scoring leader Alberto Baptiste has picked up his sheepskin. One of those sophs is 6-3 Ray Burke (9.6/3.8) who can swing from forward to guard when needed. Soph Vaughn Coats (8.2/5.9) returns to man one of the for-

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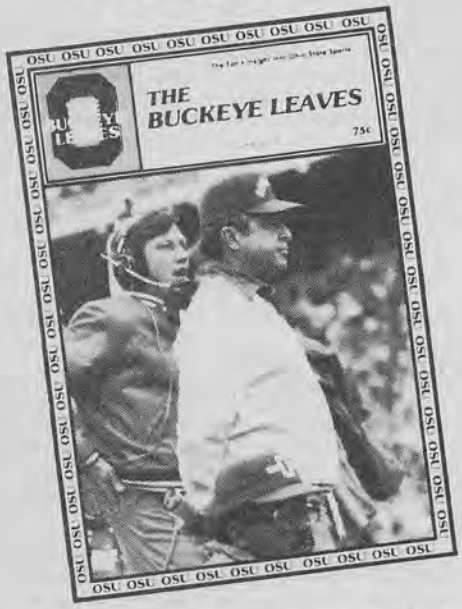

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ward spots. The pivot post will be battled for by 6-6 sophomore Derrick Miller (7.4/5.7) and incoming 6-6 freshman Kim Carter. Eugene McClanahan, a 6-4 junior, and 6-5 sophomore Wilbur Cole, both transfers, will aid the front liners.

The guard spots appear solid with two of those sophomores back in action. Tom O'Hara (8.7) averaged in double figures the last half of the season. Fred Lee dished off 128 assists while earning his spurs as a yearling. In addition 5-9 incoming freshman Matt Lonetto will get right in the thick of the fight for playing time.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Broncs will still be a very young team and one that will miss Baptiste's scoring and rebounding more than they want to admit. There's no true big man in the middle and no one to take charge of lighting up the scoreboard. That spells trouble along the Delaware in the form of another losing campaign.

Delaware (9-19)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Hens, like most of the West Division teams, haven't been able to come up with the muscle needed to compete against the LaSalle's, Temple's etc. But it'll be try, try again this year. There's hope for more consistency in the frontcourt with 6-8 senior center Pete Mullenberg (12.1/7.0) returning for his third straight starting assignment but he's not a dominating type of pivot man. Backup help in the middle will come from 6-10 sophomore Tim Carr (2.0). Ken Luck, a 6-3 junior, returns at one forward after averaging 13.2 points per game last year including a couple of 30 plus point efforts. Andy Huffman (4.1/3.9), a 6-4 junior, will bang heads with three incoming freshmen; 6-5 Brian Angielski, 6-4 John Dove and 6-4 Ralph Novak for the other forward job.

There's plenty of competition at the guard spots but the question mark remains as to who can produce points from the backcourt. 5-10 senior Tom Campbell (4.1) is the playmaker, having averaged over four assists per game last year. Pat Purcell, a 6-0 sophomore, missed last season with an injury and his healthy return could be a plus. 6-0 junior Ken Dill (4.0) is the best pure shooter but needs time to get the ball away.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Although there's plenty of experience on this squad, it's not the kind of stuff titles are made of. Mullenberg needs to be more dominant and Luck's inconsistency is a negative thing. There just isn't enough firepower at the guards to keep the defenses honest. Any number of victories in double figures will have to be considered a good season in Newark.

Lehigh (5-20)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Of the five wins garnered by the Engineers last year, three were against Division III opposition. With four starters returning, up appears the only way to go but there's a void up front where 16 point scorer Jeff Vandemark used to reside. Help is expected from 6-7 junior transfer Rich Hall who led the Coast Guard Academy in scoring and rebounding for two years. Kevin Riley, a 6-4 senior (7.3/5.2) and 6-3 junior Charles Blue (10.6/4.0), both regulars last year, will bang heads for the other forward spot. The pivot post will belong to 6-7 sophomore Brian Collins (2.5/2.0) who saw limited duty last season.

The backcourt will be keyed by 6-3 sophomore Fred Ketcho (10.6). He'll again by joined by 6-0 senior Mike Power (10.8) who played admirably after transferring in from Penn State. 6-4 senior Tom Unger will be the main source of backup help at guard.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's been a long time since the Engineers fielded a winner on the hardwood. The frontcourt will be bolstered by Hall's presence but things are still pretty weak under the iron. The guards are solid playmakers but aren't capable of shooting the lights out. An increase in victories is probable but not enough to climb out of the second division.

West Chester State (3-23)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Rams won three games last year -- two by a single point and one by forfeit. They return three starters but is that good? They lost their number two rebounder but he only averaged 5.5 caroms per game. The best of the lot is 6-0 sophomore Rick Gillam (19.2) who was only eligible the second semester last year. The other guard slot belongs to 6-1 sophomore Kelvin Butcher (4.8) who saw spot duty a year ago.

The frontcourt work will be handled, at forward, by 6-4 junior Brad Pensyl (14.2/5.8) and 6-6 sophomore David Wynn (6.9/4.9) with additional help coming from 6-7 sophomore Victor Fleming (2.2/2.3). One of that trio will have to play center till mid-season when 6-9 sophomore Mike Fusco becomes eligible. His presence could make a big difference in the second half of the campaign.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Nowhere to go but up. And the elevator is broken down. The Rams are in deep trouble. Gillam can't carry the load himself and there just isn't enough material on hand to make a difference. Even when Fusco becomes eligible we don't expect miracles. This is one of the poorer teams playing Division I basketball in all the land.

Ivy

Pennsylvania (17-12)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

To our knowledge, there is no other league that has been so dominated recently as the Ivy by the Penn Quakers. Winners of nine Ivy titles in the past 11 years, the Quakers raised their composite record to 260-64 during that span, the most prosperous period in league history for any school. And lest you think Coach Bob Weinhauer's teams are "fatted calves" feasting on so-so opposition, just remember Penn's amazing NCAA Final Four appearance two years ago, and their 62-55 upset of Washington State in last year's NCAAs before falling (52-42) to Duke.

The script for the coming roundball campaign reads more of the same, so long as Coach Weinhauer conjures up a replacement for two-time All-Ivy guard James "Booney" Salters. Best of the remaining backliners are 6-2 senior Ken Hall (6.1), voted the team's Most Improved Player, 6-2 junior Angelo Reynolds (6.6) and 6-3 junior David Jackson (3.3), all starters at one time in the past. Penn is also hoping to see more of 6-4 junior Fran McCaffery, felled by injury just three games into last season. New guards available are 6-3 Willie Oliphant, a Philadelphia all-city prepster, and 6-0 George May.

Heading the up front brigade is 6-5 sophomore forward Paul Little (9.8/5.1), an Ivy all-frost pick last year, and he will receive assistance again in the corners from 6-8 junior Vincent Ross (7.1/6.0), 6-6 sophomore Michael Brown (5.6/2.3), 6-7 senior Ted Flick (5.0/1.4) and 6-7 sophomore Avery Rawlings (2.3/2.7). Coach Weinhauer also welcomes back his 1-2 centers, 6-8 sophomore George Noon (5.5/3.8) and 6-9 junior Tom Leifsen (4.2/3.3). If you look at the scoring/rebounding averages for the front court players, as well as the guards, you'll see what the trademark of Penn is -- Balance.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Who are we to mess with fate? The Quakers should win their 10th Ivy Crown in 12 years this season! Seriously, there's more to that forecast than fate, most importantly, the abundance of experienced talent Coach Weinhauer has at his behest. Plenty ample enough, the way we look at it, to reward Penn cage fans with still another league crown and NCAA tourney bid in 80-81.

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Princeton (15-15)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Tigers finished last season like a house on fire, winning 13 of their last 17 games, and Coach Pete Carril hopes to keep that four-alarm blaze going this year. But it may fizzle out like a candle in a thunderstorm unless Princeton improves its outside shooting, the key to beefing up last year's puny 54.8 ppg scoring average.

One player the Tigers can't ask for much more from is 6-5 senior forward Randy Melville (11.0/5.9), top scorer and rebounder as well as an All-Ivy selection last season. There figures to be a squabble for the other forward spot between 6-5 junior Neil Christel (5.5/2.8), last year's regular, and 6-6 sophomore Craig Robinson (6.8/3.1), with 6-6 sophomore Gordon Enderle (3.1/1.3) lurking in the background. Pivot chores will be handled again by 6-8 sophomore Rick Simkus (8.3/4.5), second best in both scoring and rebounding as a frosh, with help from fellow 6-8 soph Mike Sigl (4.1/2.0). Simkus is an excellent passer who dealt off a team-high 69 assists in 79-80, but he needs to play with more consistency.

The backcourt will have a "senior" look, with 6-3 Dave Blatt (6.7) and 6-1 Steve Mills (6.6) returning for their final year of regular duty. But like we said earlier, one of them needs to emerge as a reliable long-range scoring threat. The chief back-up guard is 5-10 sophomore Gary Knapp (3.3), a starter in twelve games as a yearling, while newly arrived prospects out front, both freshman, are 6-3 Bill Ryan and 6-4 Kevin Mullin.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It won't take this year's Tigers long to find out if they're still cooking on all burners, since the early portion of their slate lists Oral Roberts, St. John's (NY), St. Joseph's (Pa.), Ohio State and an appearance in the always-tough Far West Classic. That rugged early slate should prime Coach Carril's for the rigors of Ivy League play, and the Tigers should be "right there" in the tussle for championship honors, an honor they barely missed last year when Penn nipped them (50-49) in a special playoff game to see who would represent the Ivies in the NCAA Tourney.

Yale (16-10)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Elis posted their best season in 15 years last time out and that should tell you something about the basketball program in New Haven. Now its back to the drawing board in what promises to be a rebuilding campaign. Coach Ray Carazo will pin his hopes on a pair of returning starters and fortunately they were the top point producers last season. In 6-4 sophomore swingman Steve Leondis (15.9/5.5) Yale has its best player in quite some time. He'll be joined, up front, where he plays most of the time, by 6-8 junior center Tim Daaleman (13.1/8.5), an all-league selection. The other forward spot will be filled by one of two freshmen: Either 6-6 Gerry Parker of 6-6 Pete Foley.

The guard spots were picked clean by graduation. Yet things aren't as bleak as they seem. A pair of seniors, 6-0 Regis O'Keefe (7.6) and 6-3 Joe Conway (5.6) saw plenty of action last year. The top recruit, 6-3 Bruce Graves, will undoubtedly push Conway to the sidelines and two other frosh; 5-11 Lou Hyacinthe along with 5-9 Jeff Van Gundy, could also see duty.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This will be a good team despite the graduation losses. Daaleman is a tough customer in the pivot as is Leondis. The guard spots are the real question marks and there's plenty of competition in the backcourt. We don't look for an Ivy title in New Haven but do think a winning record is a pretty sure bet despite a tougher non-conference schedule.

Harvard (11-15)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Crimson program finally seems to have turned the corner with continued progress and this year's edition has the makings of the best Harvard team in many years. Coach Frank McLaughlin will look to junior forward Don Fleming (19.9/6.0) to supply continued scoring and rebounding punch. The other forward spot will again be manned by 6-5 senior Mark Harris (11.0/4.9) who's the defensive specialist up front. The pivot is the crucial area. There's hope that 6-9 sophomore Lamar Flatt (4.3/3.1) will blossom in the middle. The freshman crop should also produce help up front. The best is 6-9 Joe Carrabino with 6-8 Monroe Trout also fishing for playing time. Other newcomers include 6-7 Chris Mitchell, 6-8 Ken Plutnicki and 6-7 Terry Murnin.

A pair of holdovers will be plying their wares at the guard spots with 5-11 junior Robert Taylor (5.5) running the show from the point. The other will be filled by 5-10 sophomore Calvin Dixon (4.8) who had a disappointing freshman campaign. The lone newcomer is 6-2 freshman Brian Buckelew.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: While we don't expect the Ivy title to settle in on the Charles this year, the Crimson will make things interesting indeed for perrenial frontrunners Penn and Princeton. Fleming is one of the best forwards in the league and the only question mark is at center. We see another winning season and a solid third place finish for this year's Crimson quintet.

Columbia (10-16)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Like the lyrics from a fairly recent vintage hit song, Coach Buddy Mahar of the Lions has had a "look at both sides now." His first year (78-79) saw his charge finish 17-9, followed by last year's skid to 10-16, a drop that was not unexpected considering the Lions' 79-80 roster included nine freshmen and one transfer student.

That transfer, 6-10 senior center Vernon Outlaw (6.4/3.7), may hold the key to Columbia getting back on the right track this season. Outlaw, who saw very little action early last season, looked very strong toward the end, and his .578% shooting from the field was tops on the team. Support in the middle will come from 6-11 freshman Gerome Quinn, giving the Lions two of the biggest pivots among the Ivies. Set once more at the forwards are 6-4 senior Kurt Mahoney (12.5/4.5), leading scorer a year ago, and 6-4 senior Dave Westenburg (9.3/4.6), with relief help from 6-5 senior Kevin Best (8.9/4.4). Also back in the forward proceedings is 6-4 junior Dave Fields, a regular two years ago who was out of school last winter.

The starting backcourt will have a youthful look in 6-4 sophomore Richie Gordon (11.2) and 5-10 fellow soph Darren Burnett (7.5), who ran a close one-two in assists as freshmen, Burnett leading with 81, followed by Gordon's 80. Providing depth out front are three more sophomores who saw plenty of action last season: 6-3 Chris Boyle (4.1), 5-9 Brad Brown (1.8) and 5-10 Derek Hawkins (1.6).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Mahar had predicted prior to the start of last season that his Lions, in the midst of what he termed "the ultimate rebuilding year," would slip and that they did. For the coming campaign, Mahar has made no such forecasts, so we'll do it for him: The 80-81 Lions will improve on their won-lost mark and, after last year's fifth place league finish, battle hard to climb back into the Ivy's first division.

Dartmouth (6-20)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

All the Big Green Eggs were in one basket last year and somebody dropped them. We're speaking of 6-4 senior forward Larry Lawrence. He averaged 16 points and eight reebies per game two years ago and broke his leg just before the 79-80 campaign started. That finished Dartmouth, under first year coach Tim Cohane, before the season began. Lawrence is back and will be joined at forward by 6-6 junior Barry Caldwell (5.5/4.3). Cohane hopes that 7-3 sophomore Greg Wadlinger (1.5/0.8) can learn to walk and chew gum at the same time cause that's all he's got in the pivot.

Three lettermen return at the guard spots: 5-9 junior Jon Edwards (4.0); 5-11 senior Mark Graham (6.1), a part time starter last year; and 5-10 senior Calvin Johnson (4.3). Addi-

tional help is hoped for from 6-1 senior Doug White and 6-5 senior Tony Woods who led the J.V. scorers two years ago but missed last season's action with a broken hand. The incoming freshman should also provide help with 6-5 Brian Burke the best of the lot.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Lawrence's healthy return is a definite plus but his supporting cast is still questionable. Wadlinger isn't major college material even though he's tall timber. The guards are sub-par and unless the frosh are better than we think, it's gonna be another long cold winter in Hanover with Dartmouth unable to escape the league's second division.

Brown (12-14)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Some years ago, folk singers Simon and Garfunkel had a hit song with the lyrics, "Slow down, you move too fast." Coach Joe Mullaney might be tempted to have that tune piped over the P.A. system when his team is playing this season, since the Bruins figure to be even more cautious and deliberate on offense now that three-time scoring leader and 79-80 Ivy League Player-of-the-Year Peter Moss has departed via graduation.

The top point maker back in the fold is 6-7 senior center Bob Stanley (8.0/4.7), who will be joined up front again by 6-4 sophomore forward Ira James (7.4/3.8). Frontliners with monogram winning experience are 6-5 senior Paul Cameron (2.3), 6-4 sophomore Bill Chapman (2.6) and 6-7 junior Ted Mundy (1.0). Coach Mullaney also brought in a quartet of frosh prospects in 6-8 Curtis Alexander, 6-9 Jeff Kesser, 6-4 John McBride and 6-4 Marc Pedi. However, there can be no doubt that Moss and his team-leading stats of 20.8 ppg and 6.3 rpg will be sorely missed.

In the backcourt, starting once more will be 6-6 senior Scott McCarthy (6.8) and 5-10 junior Dean Erickson (6.7). Best of the other returning guards is 6-2 junior letterman Steve Bowman (2.8), while the blue-chip stamp of approval has been affixed to 6-3 freshman Jeff Samsen, a second team All New York City selection (private and Catholic) who played school-boy ball at Horace Mann High in the Bronx. Other frosh recruits are 5-8 Alex Bynum, 6-3 Nick Chinlund, 6-2 Maxwell Jones, 6-2 Jim Mihaley and 6-4 Steve Trautwein.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's 12-14 mark was the best for a Bruin roundball team in five years, and their 9-5 log against league foes was good for third among the Ivies. However, the loss of scoring ace Moss, who accounted for nearly half of last year's 58.5 ppg, is a big one. So big, in fact, that the Bears will be lucky to equal the dozen victories racked up in 79-80, and a drop into the Ivy second division may be unavoidable.

Cornell (5-19)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

Things got so bad far above Cayuga's waters that a change was made in the coaching ranks and Tom Miller, former Bobby Knight assistant, has been brought in to try and right the listing ship. He'll have a decent contingent at forward to start the rebuilding program going headed by 6-7 senior Larry Oeding (13.8/5.3). Also on hand is 6-7 junior Mike Lucas (7.5/4.8). Three freshmen will also get a look-see right off the bat -- 6-5 Chuck Walton, an Ohio All-Stater; 6-7 Brad Bomba and 6-5 Don Klussendorf. The pivot is a big question mark. The top contender is 6-9 senior Alex Reynolds (3.3/3.0) but he'll get pressure from 6-8 senior Charley Brown who's missed two full seasons of action.

The guard spots will be filled by 6-3 senior Mike Allen (11.0) and 6-0 senior Kevin McCarthy (3.3). The latter could give way to 6-2 freshman George Hall. Also on hand are two other recruits -- 6-1 Ron Tryon and 6-1 Bobby Macke. The Big Red have a swingman who wins the GAMEPLAN award for the best name of any newcomer in collegiate basketball -- 6-4 Peter Della Bella (we've heard he's a second cousin to Rosanne Rosana Dana).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Miller may have bitten off more than he can chew. Its been 14 years since any Cornell hoop team has posted a winning record and the Ithaca folks like their hockey a lot more than roundball. While there's some adequate talent on hand, none is of the superior variety and this squad should consider anything more than eight wins a moral victory.

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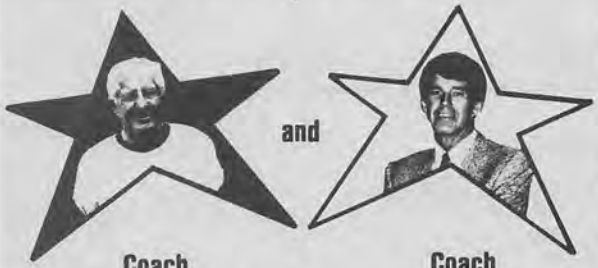

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Iowa forward Kevin Boyle hooks for a deuce.

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Ohio State (21-8)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Last year's Buckeyes found out about the old "Cinderella Syndrome" when they ran into (and lost, 72-68) to the UCLA Bruins in the NCAA Tourney's West Regional Semi-Finals. Destiny was on UCLA's side as they made their Final Four run, a trek Coach Eldon Miller hopes his talented Bucks can make come March of 1981. And that's far from wishful thinking, since OSU's only big graduation loss was all-league guard Kelvin Ransey, No. 2 scorer and top assist man last season.

The Numero Uno point-maker in 79-80, 6-10 center Herb Williams (17.6/9.1) does return for his senior campaign. Williams is regarded by some as the premier pivot in the nation as he enters his fourth year of regular duty for the Buckeyes. Occupying the forward spots once more are 6-7 sophomore Clark Kellogg (11.6/8.0), a spectacular player who had an up-and-down frosh campaign, and 6-9 senior Jim Smith (7.1/5.2). Supporting the corner men are 6-5 senior Marquis Miller (1.2/0.7), 6-7 sophomore Mitch Haas (0.4/0.1), 6-7 junior Bryant Johnson (0.1/0.7) and 6-7 freshman Tony Campbell. Center Williams gets back-up assistance from 6-10 sophomore Granville Waiters (0.7/0.8) and 6-9 junior Cliff Kirchner (0.8/0.8).

One backcourt spot will again be the private stamping grounds of 6-2 junior Carter Scott (10.4), who tied the departed Ransey for the team lead in steals with 43 and also ran second in the assist department with 94. Letterwinners after Ransey's empty berth are a pair of 6-3 sophomores, Nate Sims (0.8) and Larry Huggins (1.6), but both could be pushed aside by 6-3 JUCO transfer Ed Major. A native of Pittsburgh, Major played last season for Allegheny Community College, averaging 18 ppg on 56% field goal shooting and 75 percent from the charity stripe.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Buckeyes continue to be one of the Big Ten's resident powers, and in this man's league, that's quite a tribute. Pivot man Williams is the key figure, although powerful soph forward Kellogg will be more of a factor inside if he cuts down on his turnovers. Scott is a fine guard, but the critical factor in the backcourt is replacing Ransey, a first-round NBA draft pick. Coach Miller's fifth year at the OSU helm will produce another winning team and Big Ten title contender, as well as a team to be watched in the run for NCAA title honors.

Indiana (21-8)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

We'll say one thing for Bobby Knight. He doesn't shy away from playing anyone. In addition to the very rugged Big Ten slate his Hoosiers have to tackle, he'll send his quintet against the likes of Kentucky, Notre Dame, Kansas State and North Carolina in non-conference games. And he'll do it with the knowledge that he's got one of the best guards in the land to run his show (oops, nobody, BUT NOBODY, runs Bobby's shows besides Bobby). In 6-1 sophomore Isiah Thomas (14.6), Knight has a coach's dream. He can shoot, dish off (159 assists) and take the ball away (62 steals) as well as penetrating with the best who ever played collegiate ball. And he's got three more years of eligibility left! The other guard spot will be occupied by 6-6 junior Randy Wittman (5.8) who saw duty in only five games last season due to an ankle injury. But he'll get pressure from incoming freshman Craig Bardo, a 6-5 shooter out of Illinois. Others who'll also see backcourt duty include 6-3 sophomore Jim Thomas (2.7), 6-2 sophomore Chuck Franz (0.7) and 6-2 soph Tony Brown (1.0).

That brings us to the front line where 6-9 senior center Ray Tolbert (10.3/7.2), who has led the team in rebounding three years running, holds forth. He gets help from 6-10 junior Landon Turner (7.4/4.3). In 6-8 sophomre Steve Bouchie (6.5/3.7), the Hoosiers have a quickly improving forward. Additional instant help will come from 6-9 freshman Mike LaFave, an Indianapolis product who can score and rebound with equal aplomb. Also on hand are 6-8 senior Phil Isenbarger (2.8/1.6); 6-8 junior Ted Kitchel (1.8/1.2) and a trio of seniors -- 6-7 Eric Kirchner, Steve Risley (2.4/1.5) and Glen Grunwald (1.7/1.1).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With Thomas' stellar play in the backcourt and Tolbert clogging up the middle, the picture is a bright one. There's help coming from the two solid freshmen and also some good supporting material on hand. But the Big Ten is loaded with talent and we're not sure if there's enough depth on this squad to carry the Hoosiers all the way to the top. We won't be surprised to see Indiana win it all but rather a "close second" will be their ultimate accomplishment.

Illinois (22-13)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Illini haven't really been known for their basketball prowess but they sure did themselves proud last year, finishing third in the NIT. This year's edition will be powered by a pair of outstanding forwards -- 6-8 senior Eddie Johnson (17.4/8.9) and 6-7 senior Mark Smith (15.3/6.1). The pivot was, and again will be, handled on a time sharing basis by 6-10 junior James Griffin (7.8/4.4) and 6-11 senior Derek Holcomb (5.8/5.3). Illinois landed a top notch recruit to aid the front line in 6-7 Andre Allen out of Fort Worth, Texas.

The best of the returnees in the backcourt is 6-4 junior Perry Range (6.9) who dished off 64 assists last year. Also on hand is 6-1 sophomore Kevin Bontemps (1.9) and 6-0 sophomore Quinn Richardson (1.4). But the real coup will be an instant strter. In 6-3 Derek Harper the Illini have latched on to a player many consider to be the best high school guard in the land a year ago. Help should also come from 6-0 JUCO import Craig Tucker along with 6-5 freshman Mitch Arnold and 5-10 sophomore Sherrod Arnold.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Illini brass is playing everything low key. Johnson and Smith are a torrid one-two punch underneath. The pivot is adequately occupied by the duo of Griffin and Holcomb. It was the guard situation that was tenuous. No more! Harper will open some eyes all over the Big Ten and that makes this team as good a bet as any to win the league title. The only missing ingredient is depth which could become a problem if injuries set in. It won't be the NIT this year -- it'll be the NCAA playoffs for Illinois.

Iowa (23-10)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

There's a famous quotation to the effect that adversity is the diamond dust heaven uses to polish its brightest stars, and such was certainly the case for last year's Hawkeyes. A team which, despite a season-long injury siege, still finished tied for 4th place in the rugged Big Ten, then marched all the way to the Final Four of the NCAA Tournament before succumbing (80-72) to eventual national champ Louisville.

The only loss from that Final Four club was guard Ronnie Lester, a first-round NBA draft pick who actually played in only 17 games his final year due to a knee injury. Returning at the other backcourt spot is 6-2 junior Kenny Arnold, who led a balanced 79-80 scoring attack with 13.5 ppg and had a team-high 142 assists. Most likely to succeed at the other guard is 6-5 sophomore Bob Hansen (5.6), although he could feel pressure from two freshman recruits, 6-2 Steve Carfino and 6-2 Dennis Johnson. The Hawkeyes are also hopeful 6-2 senior Greg Boyle, who played in just three games last season, can shake off recurrent knee problems.

Underneath the basket, pivot duties will be shared again by 6-10 seniors Steve Krafcisin (12.3) and Steve Waite (8.0). Krafcisin was last year's top rebounder with 211, followed closely by 6-6 junior forward Kevin Boyle (11.8), who yanked down 205. Operating out of the corner opposite Boyle is 6-5 senior Vince Brookins (11.0), while a quartet of lettermen will supply experienced depth at the forwards -- 6-6

sophomore Mark Gannon (5.6), 6-9 senior Mike Henry (1.2), 6-5 junior Jon Darsee (0.7) and 6-8 sophomore Mike Heller (2.0). Also available is 6-7 freshman Craig Anderson, a prep all-stater from Madison, Wisconsin.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Lute Olson won Coach-of-the-Year honors for the excellent job he did in guiding the injury-hounded Hawkeyes to the school's third Final Four appearance in history. Getting that far again this year won't be easy, although Iowa does have the material needed for such a feat, led by the guard-forward-center combination of Arnold, Kevin Boyle and Krafcisin. Another 20-win campaign and NCAA Tourney invite are realistic goals for the Hawkeyes, but we have to feel their luck may run out if injuries are such a prevalent factor again, because the gods usually smile on a team for just so long.

Minnesota (21-11)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The numbers game, Golden Gopher-style, shows only one player missing from last year's team, which dropped a three-point verdict to Virginia (58-55) in the championship game of the National Invitational Tournament. Yet considering that "one loss" was two-time All-Big 10 pick and first round NBA draftee Kevin McHale, Coach Jim Dutcher has to be a wee bit concerned about his team's title prospects this season in what is unquestionably the roughest, toughest league in college roundball.

The Gophers' skipper will probably get a good reading on that score very early in the 1980-81 campaign, when Minnesota tackles defending NCAA champion Louisville, Florida State, Loyola (Chi.) and Marquette in four of their first five games. With McHale missing, the new show piece in this neck of the woods is 6-4 junior guard Darryl Mitchell (10.5), who last season paced the Gophers in assists (72) and steals (37), in addition to being named to the All-NIT squad. His backcourt counterpart will again be 6-2 junior Mark Hall (11.6), second best scorer in 79-80, with reserve strength supplied by 6-0 senior Carl Dale (1.3), 6-1 sophomore Bruce Kaupa (1.5) and 6-3 freshman Brian Hansen, an all-stater from Duluth East who led his team to the number one ranking in Minnesota with a scoring norm of 23.6 per-game.

Up front, returning regulars are 6-10 junior Gary Holmes (6.6/5.3) and 6-5 junior Trent Tucker (10.6/3.2), who also has playing experience in the backcourt. The early favorite to nail down the third spot in the starting rotation is towering 7-2 sophomore Randy Breuer (7.7/3.2), another All-NIT choice last season whose tremendous height and soft shooting touch make him extremely difficult to handle inside. Lettermen available are 6-7 sophomore Zebedee Howell (3.5/3.2), 6-6 junior Andy Thompson (2.4/1.5) and 6-9 sophomore Ben Coleman (1.8/1.2), and the recruiting harvest yielded 6-10 freshman Jim Petersen and 6-7 JUCO transfer John Wiley. The Gophers are especially high on Petersen, a mobile giant from St. Louis Park selected "Mr. Basketball" in the state of Minnesota his last year in the prep ranks.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Gophers rebounded from an 11-16 mark two years ago to forge out 20-plus wins and nearly walk off with the NIT title hardware last season. The departure of McHale, who did everything but sell game programs, will require some adjustment, but the replacement parts look capable of picking up a good deal of that slack. This is not a team loaded with big-name players outside of guard Mitchell, a definite all-league candidate, yet Coach Dutcher's "no-namers" will still finish around the 20-win plateau again and hold their own with the best of the other bully-boys in the Big Ten wars.

Michigan (17-13)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Wolverine athletic brass didn't have to look far for a new hoop mentor when Johnny Orr departed for Iowa State. They simply elevated Orr's long-time chief assistant, Bill Frieder, to the head job, and he couldn't be happier about the promotion. "I always knew I wanted to coach at Michigan," says Frieder, "and if I couldn't have become head coach here, well ... I might have just left the business."

Frieder will direct a team that welcomes back all five regulars from last year's NIT club, first and foremost of whom is 6-5 senior forward Mike McGee (22.2/4.3). McGee's radar-like jump shot, which he can drop in from out by the concession stands, has put him within striking distance of Cazzie Russell's school career scoring record. Matched with him again in the starting front line are 6-8 senior Paul Heuerman (9.6/5.9) and 6-7 junior Thad Garner (10.0/6.7), while experienced reserves are a trio of sophomore lettermen: 6-7 Ike Person (2.3/2.4), 6-5 Joe James (0.8/0.5) and 6-8 Leo Brown (0.5/0.8). Citing the need for more height inside, the Wolverines signed on frosh giants Tim McCormick (6-10 from Clarkston, Mich.) and Canadian Jon Antonides, who at 7-2 is the tallest player in school history. Other yearling front liners are 6-6 Dean Hopson and 6-6 M.C. Burton.

The Maize and Blue will be looking for more scoring punch out of the backcourt, which returns senior regulars in 6-3 Marty Bodnar (8.1) and 6-4 Johnny Johnson (8.0). The lone experienced holdover after that is 6-3 Mark Bodnar (2.6), Marty's twin brother, so an immediate contribution will be expected from 6-1 freshman Dan Pelekoudas, a point guard prospect whom the Wolverines label their "surprise" recruit for this year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: What with new head coach Frieder's familiarity with the Wolverine players, no adjustment period should be required, normally one of the major hurdles for a first-year mentor. Forward McGee is the showpiece in Ann Arbor, and he will show the way for a solid ball club that boasts a number of well-tested veterans and fine new recruits, best of whom is prep All-America center McCormick. As always, the Wolverines will face a rugged schedule in and out of the Big Ten, but the talent is on hand for them to reward rookie skipper Frieder with a spiffy won-lost mark and, quite possibly, a first division league finish.

Purdue (23-10)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Joe Barry Carroll is gone and the Boilermakers will now assume the role of also-rans. That statement couldn't be farther from the truth. New head coach Gene Keady, formerly at Western Kentucky, pulled off the recruiting coup of the year when he signed 6-11 Russell Cross, a power, and we do mean POWER, forward out of Chicago -- the best big man to come into collegiate circles this year, bar none. Keady also landed some other goodies in 6-7 Greg Eifert, 7-0 Joe Gampfer (who may be redshirted due to a bad knee) along with 6-1 super quick guard Ricky Hall and 6-4 backcourter Jon Lawson. That quintet represents the best recruiting job of any school in the nation.

Cross will be an instant starter up front and he'll be joined by 6-5 junior Keith Edmonson (13.4/4.8) or 6-5 senior Drake Morris (11.0/4.9) who'll both see duty at small forward. Carroll's old spot will probably go to 6-10 sophomore Ted Benson who saw limited action as the backup center last year. But don't rule out the possibility of Cross in the middle. Also on hand is 6-7 junior Mike Scearce (5.4).

The aforementioned freshman Hall will see some instant action at the point guard slot but he'll have to beat out 6-2 senior Brian Walker, a two year starter. The other backcourt post is up for grabs with the newcomers battling 6-2 senior Roosevelt Barnes and 6-5 junior Kevin Stallings.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Purdue program won't suffer a bit (well, maybe just a little bit) with Carroll's departure. Cross is a super blue chipper as are the rest of the recruits. They'll blend quite well with returnees like Edmonson and Morris and that indicates another first division league finish and NCAA tourney action come season's end.

Wisconsin (15-14)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

Even though the Big Ten will again be top-heavy with outstanding teams, the Badgers had legitimate title aspirations -- until star guard Wes Matthews opted for the NBA hardship route, leaving as the school's No. 2 career scorer after just two and a half seasons. A pity, really, since that one BIG loss will stand between Coach Bill Cofield's team and what could have been the Badgers' best hoop campaign in years.

Three regulars do return from the 79-80 club that ran up the school's best hardwood record since the 1973-74 season. The

strongpoint for the Badgers will be the front line, where back for their third year of starting duty are 6-8 senior forward Claude Gregory (18.4/8.8), third best rebounder in the Big Ten a year ago, and 6-9 senior center Larry Petty (8.7/6.0), one of the top defensive pivot men in the league. Graduation claimed the other forward regular, Joe Chrnelich, and monogram winners out to fill that hole are 6-9 junior Keith Mitchell (1.1/2.1), 6-6 sophomore Mike Kreklow (0.9/0.6) and 6-7 junior Gary Zinkgraf (2.0/1.3). Incoming forward prospects, both freshmen, are 6-8 James Hildebrand and 6-7 Leroy Stahl.

Replacing Matthews in the backcourt is one of those Mission/Impossible deals. Set once more at the other guard is 6-4 senior Dan Hastings (6.3), second to Matthews last season in assists with 72, while first crack at the vacant backline spot will go to 6-2 sophomore Greg Dandridge (1.3) and 6-3 junior John Bailey (2.4). The Badgers also harvested prep stars Herb Lake, a 6-6 swingman, and 6-3 Dwayne "Pete" Renfroe.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The premature loss of guard Matthews just about put the kiss of death on Wisconsin's hopes for continued improvement, at least for the time being. The muscular front court duo of Gregory and Petty will keep the Badgers competitive, but again, Matthews' departure leaves a very large hole in the scoring attack. Hence, Wisconsin will be hard-pressed to carry over last year's winning ways.

Michigan State (12-15)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

As expected, the 79-80 Spartans tailed off after winning the NCAA cage title in the final year of the "Magic" (Earvin Johnson) and "Special K" (Greg Kelser) show. Tailed off all the way to next-to-last place in the Big Ten standings, no disgrace really in what is clearly the strongest and most balanced league in the nation. Climbing back into the title picture this season will require continued improvement from the returnees, plus worthy efforts from new recruits. "We're depending on our incoming players for major contributions," notes Coach Jud Heathcote, "especially Richard Mudd in the center role."

Mudd, a 6-9 freshman out of Washington, D.C.'s McKinley Tech, is projected as an immediate starter at the pivot spot, freeing 6-8 senior Jay Vincent (21.5/7.7) to switch to the power forward position. Last season, Vincent led the Big Ten in scoring and should be even more of a point-making threat working out of the corners instead of in the middle. Letter-winning forwards on hand are 6-7 junior Rob Gonzalez (2.3/1.1), 6-7 senior Kurt James (1.5/2.6), 6-7 sophomore Derek Perry (2.4/1.3) and 6-7 senior Rick Kaye (1.0/1.4), while up from the prep ranks is 6-8 freshman Ben Tower.

Mike Brkovich (8.8), a 6-4 senior nicknamed "Golden Arm," paces the backcourt gang. Holdovers with their eye on the other guard assignment are 6-2 junior Kevin Smith (8.4) and 6-5 sophomore Herb Bostic (1.1), but also in the proceedings are freshmen acquisitions Tim Gore, 6-4, and Randy Morrison, 6-2.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Spartans did an about-face last season after winning the national crown in 78-79, and more hard times seem to lie ahead this year. Forward Vincent and guard Brkovich are the only known commodities in the MSU stable, which falls well short of the kind of talent glut needed to compete within the Big Ten. So, while Spartan fans wait for the second coming of a "Magic" or "Special K," they will have to settle for another losing record and second division league finish in 80-81.

Northwestern (10-17)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Third-year Coach Rick Falk is steadfast in his conviction the Wildcats are on the rise in the always-tough Big Ten. "With our returning veterans and incoming freshmen," Falk comments, "we are optimistic that our program can continue to show improvement, gain a winning record and take a giant step upward in the league." No offense intended, skipper, but similar words were uttered by General Custer before leading his outnumbered troops into the battle of the Little Big Horn!

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The 'Cats do have some long-rifles they can fire at the enemy, like 6-7 junior forward Jim Stack (12.7/5.6), who bounced back from an injury-shortened 78-79 season to pace the team in scoring. His forward partner will be drawn from between 6-5 sophomore Gaddis Rathel (5.8/2.7) and 6-7 freshman Paul Schultz, an all-state prepster from Elmhurst, Illinois who bucketed 21.5 ppg his last year as a school-boy on red-hot 68% floor shooting. Another frosh recruit, 6-11 Colin Murray (Chicago's Taft High) will challenge 6-9 junior Bob Grady (5.1/3.9) for the vacant center spot.

Out front, the pacesetter and a three-year regular is 6-3 senior guard Rod Roberson (12.7), whom the 'Cats feel will be one of the Big Ten's premier backcourters this winter. Roberson gets support at the "wing guard" spot from 6-4 junior letterman Jeff Blackard (0.8) and a pair of freshmen who earned all-state honors their final scholastic years, 6-7 Art Aaron (Chicago's St. Ignatius High) and 6-4 Marty Clary (Clawson, Michigan, High). Aaron, perhaps the best of this year's frosh harvest, will also see forward duty. Leading the chase for the "point guard" role are 6-2 sophomore Michael Jenkins (4.0), 6-0 senior John Egan (1.7) and 5-11 sophomore Bobby Anderson (0.6). Anderson, the starting free safety on the Wildcat football team, lettered last year as a basketball walk-on, a rare feat in this age of specialization in college sports.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: By their own admission, the Wildcats face another muscular line-up of opponents in 80-81, both in and out of the Big Ten. Forward Stack and guard Roberson are proven standouts who should make the 'Cats competitive, but they can't shoulder the whole load by themselves. Which will again reconcile Northwestern to a losing record and, very possibly, another last place finish in the Big Ten.

Mid-American

Bowling Green (20-10)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Coach John Weinert's cagers have a tough act to follow -- their own! What can they do for an encore after winning twenty games and finishing as runners-up in both the MAC regular season race and post-season tournament, followed by an appearance in the National Invitational Tournament. What can they do for an encore? Just watch!

Keep an eye on the excellent forward duo of 6-5 senior Joe Faine (16.5/2.3) and 6-6 sophomore Colin Irish (12.9/8.2). Faine led the MAC last season in free throw shooting, canning 86.6 percent of his charity tosses, while Irish is a rugged inside player whose forte is crashing the defensive backboards. Also a cut above average on the inside are 6-7 senior Mike Miday (7.0/5.7), second best rebounder in 79-80, 6-8 senior John Miller (5.8/3.3) and 6-8 senior Emzer Shurelds (5.0/2.6). All three have started in the past, but taking nothing for granted, Coach Weinert and staff also added a quartet of freshman frontliners -- 6-6 Paul Abendroth, 6-7 Bill Faine (Joe's kid brother), 6-5 David Jenkins and 6-5 Bill Szabo. Szabo blistered the nets for 33 ppg his last year as a high schooler (Firelands; Wakeman, Ohio), and his four-year prep average (29.9 per game) would delight any round-baller.

Heading up the backcourt contingent is 6-2 junior Marcus Newbern (13.0), second in last year's point parade, with the spot opposite him (vacated by the graduation of top assist man Rosie Barnes) going to either 5-9 sophomore David Greer (3.2) or 6-2 senior Dan Shumaker. Greer ran second to the departed Barnes in the assist department last season with 120, while Shumaker is back after missing the 79-80 campaign due to a knee injury.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: If the Falcons had a truly outstanding Big Man, their theme song could be "Ain't No Stopping Us Now." As it is, Coach Weinert's team has to be rated among the favorites in this year's MAC title chase, and another twenty-win season is also a good possibility. Just watch!

Northern Illinois (16-13)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Bow down, you infidels, Coach John McDougal's "Sultans Of Slam" are coming! Flashy dunkers to the man, the Huskies are shooting for a MAC cage title after last year's surprising third-place finish. And they'll be led by possibly the finest player in the league -- Allen Rayhorn.

Rayhorn (19.9/9.2), a 6-9 junior, was the only player in the MAC last season to rank among the league leaders in scoring, rebounding, field goal and free throw shooting percentage. He may switch from center to forward this year, provided 6-10 Ron Lindfors (transfer from Bradley) can handle the pivot spot. The holdover forward regulars are exciting but ofterratic 6-7 senior Shawn Thrower (11.2/6.3) and 6-6 sophomore Terry Green (7.8/5.7). Fresh inside troops with the most promise are 6-8 junior Bruce Johnson, a transfer from Villanova, and 6-7 freshman Tim Dillon, both of whom figure to supply help off the bench.

Out front, the leader is 6-3 senior guard Ray Rhone (8.4), third best scorer last season. Playmaking ace Jay Bryant (163 assists) has picked up his diploma, and experienced candidates for that role are 6-4 senior Steve McCuiston (5.7) and 5-11 junior Ray Clark (2.0). However, also very much in the picture are two well-regarded freshmen recruits, 6-2 Ross Kingsley and 6-1 Leonard Hayes. Kingsley was voted Wisconsin's prep Player-of-the-Year his senior campaign, while ball-handling whiz Hayes has been likened to DePaul University's brilliant all-star backcourter, Clyde Bradshaw.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This year's Huskies have "title" (MAC-style) on their minds, and the self-named "Sultans Of Slam" could get their wish. At center or forward, Rayhorn is one of the finest in the Midwest, and his supporting cast needs only a little more consistency and/or experience to be really productive. The early portion of this year's schedule (Iowa, DePaul, Southern Illinois, the Chicagoland Classic Tournament) will test the mettle of the Huskies. A test, we feel, that Coach McDougal's team will stand up to well, springboarding them right into the thick of the MAC title race.

Ball State (14-15)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Prosperity may be right around the corner for Coach Ray Yoder's Cardinals, with four 79-80 regulars holding over, and a quartet of newcomers the BSU skipper calls, "four of the best people that we have brought here." But even before the Cards get a chance to test their wings in MAC battle, they have to tackle a non-league slate designed more for an eagle than a cardinal -- Indiana, Wisconsin, Indiana State, Bradley and Nebraska.

One good thing, Coach Yoder's club does boast one of the finest young backcourt duos in the Midwest, 5-9 Ray McCallum (16.5) and 6-4 junior John Williams (11.5/90 assists). McCallum was last season's MAC Freshman-of-the-Year, while Williams will play more guard after seeing most of his duty at forward in 79-80. Other veteran backliners are 6-2 senior Jeff Williams (5.8), no relation to John, and 6-2 junior Mark Thurston (1.3). New recruits are 6-2 JUCO transfer Jerry Brittain and 6-4 freshman Jeff Furlin.

In the middle of the front line again is 6-8 senior center George Bradley (10.6/7.0), top board man last season, with 6-5 senior Al Gooden (12.5/5.6) at his customary forward spot. Backstopping Bradley in the pivot are 6-6 senior Clement Murrell (5.8/5.1), 7-0 junior Jeff Parker (1.5/1.0) and 6-10 sophomore Mark Jahns (1.5/1.4). The forward spot opposite Gooden may go to 6-4 senior Mike Drews, who sat out last season with a heart ailment after pacing BSU in scoring the previous two years, or one of two new front court prospects -- 6-6 junior Bob Albertson (transfer from Louisville) and 6-6 JUCO import C.C. Fullove.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Cardinals tied for fourth place in the MAC, and should be first division material again in 80-81. Diminutive, but deadly soph guard McCallum is the top gun in a balanced scoring attack, and there's ample depth to compensate for the graduation loss of Dwayne Irvin. The front line also has plenty of depth, but a stronger inside scoring threat is needed. Ball State will be severely tested by their rugged pre-MAC schedule, yet when

league action opens, the Cardinals should sport plummage as fancy as anyone's in the conference title race.

Cent. Michigan (12-13)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Last year's Chippewas opened the campaign with a 72-70 upset over Detroit, but there wasn't much to cheer about after that. Come the end of the 79-80 season, Coach Dick Parfitt's club was mired in ninth place in the MAC standings, quite a drop for a school that had gone 19-9 the previous year.

However, with only one player missing (starting forward Leon Guydon) this season could be far more enjoyable for CMU cage fans. Up front, the BIG MAN in all respects is 6-9, 250-pound senior center Mike Robinson (14.4/9.6), top rebounder in the MAC last season. One forward spot will again be occupied by 6-7 senior Ted Anderson (8.4/5.2), while 6-8 senior Steve Rambadt (7.7/5.0) has the inside track at filling Guydon's old corner berth. New front liners, both freshman, are 6-7 Kim Thompson, a Michigan Class B all-stater, and 6-9 Glenn Cross, as well as 6-7 Don Wandzel, a freshman-eligible who red-shirted last season due to injury.

The Chips are exceptionally well-heeled in the backcourt, where returning is the rotating trio of 6-0 sophomore Mel McLaughlin (12.4), 6-2 senior Sonny Newman (5.9/155 assists) and 6-4 sophomore James Koger (8.8). The bench cast is headed by 6-3 sophomore Rob McQuaid (2.7), while freshmen recruits are 6-4 Dave Doorn and 6-3 Andrew Kiss, a Canadian native (Windsor, Ontario) who led his school to the AAA Provincial title last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There are a number of reasons to expect this year's Chippewas to better their won-lost mark, not the least of which is the return of so many veteran players. Led by burly pivot man Robinson, possibly the best center in the MAC, Coach Parfitt's team will not only fight their way out of the league's second division, they could even be a factor in the championship race.

Toledo (23-6)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Rockets will be coming back to earth after four-straight 20-win campaigns, but the landing doesn't figure to be hard. Just a gentle thump, not great enough to snap Toledo's string of 22 consecutive years without a losing cage team, a skein matched nationally only by UCLA and Louisville.

Two regulars are back from last year's NCAA Tournament team, 6-6 senior forward Harvey Knuckles (13.9/5.5) and 5-11 senior guard Jay Lehman (10.1/160 assists). The forward spot opposite Knuckles has the rapt attention of three sophomore lettermen, 6-6 Mitch Adamek (1.8/2.2), 6-6 Dan Boyle (1.5/1.1) and 6-6 Dave Rieker (2.2/0.7), as well as a trio of freshmen signees -- 6-8 Bryan Roth, 6-7 Reeves Northrup and 6-6 Dan Lier. Roth, an All-Ohio Class A first-team pick who led Sandusky's St. Mary's High to a 28-0 record and the state championship, will also get a look-see at the center position.

Guard Lehman, one of the better playmakers in the MAC, provides battle-tested leadership for a backcourt that has returning monogram winners in 6-0 sophomore Brad Rieger (1.1) and 6-1 senior Mitch Seeman (0.8), along with freshmen additions Tim Reiser, 6-1, and John Green, 6-4. Reiser is rated an exceptional prospect after earning Ohio Class AA Player-of-the-Year honors at Napoleon High with per-game averages of 28 points and nine assists.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Only an eternal optimist would expect the Rockets to repeat their sterling performances of the past few years, what with the graduation losses of three key members of those MAC championship teams -- Jim Swaney, Dick Miller and Tim Selgo. But only a genuine fool would not expect Coach Bob Nichols' gang to be a factor in the title race again, as well as a lead-pipe cinch to finish in the league's first division with the school's 23rd straight winning year.

Eastern Michigan (13-14)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

You have to go all the way back to the 1971-72 season to discover the last time the Hurons had a better mark than they did last year under rookie Coach Jim Boyce. The EMU skipper expects that up-beat to continue in his second campaign too, because as he puts it: "We set the groundwork for a good program (last season) and we expect to continue building. I feel that we can be a serious contender for the Mid-American championship this year."

Coach Boyce bases his optimistic outlook, in part, on the return of four 79-80 regulars, including two-thirds of the starting front line -- 6-8 junior forward Jeff Zatkoff (14.0/6.7) and 6-8 junior center Jack Brusewitz (8.3/4.7). However, a replacement must be found for top scorer Kevin Blakely (17.3) at the other forward, and the early front-runners in their quest are 6-6 junior Hosea Coxton, red-shirted last season with a knee injury, and 6-6 freshman Johnnie Bailey, who led Willow Run High to last year's Michigan Class B state title. Other frosh signees with the physical characteristics associated with forward play are 6-5 Reggie Brown, 6-8 Dave Lazear, 6-5 Dwayne Rogers and 6-7 Eddie Womack.

Backcourt play will revolve around 6-1 sophomore Marlow McClain (7.5/86 assists) and 6-3 senior Tim Bracey (3.9), both holdover regulars, while also returning after starting 13 games his frosh year is 6-5 sophomore Anthony White (3.1). The Hurons added 6-4 JUCO transfer Jeff Blanzey to a support cast that already included 5-10 sophomore Eddie Frieson (1.8).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It hasn't taken Coach Boyce long to fulfill his prediction he would turn the Hurons around, and his team could be a "coming power" in the MAC. This season, it is our judgment EMU will finally break through the .500 plateau to a winning record, and a first division league finish is very much within the realm of possibility.

Western Michigan (12-14)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Last year's Broncos, in their first campaign under Les Wothke, almost equaled WMU's victory total of the previous two seasons when the ledgers read 7-20 and 7-23. They even managed a fourth place tie in the Mid-American standings, led by league-leading scorer Kenny Cunningham and his 24.2 ppg. But, sadly, Cunningham has taken his golden shooting arm on to the NBA, leaving a prodigious hole in the Bronco scoring attack which won't be easily filled.

Cunningham's old guard partner, 6-1 senior Todd Dietrich (7.3/116 assists) does return. Dietrich needs 93 assists to pass Jim Kurzen (1973-76) as the school's career leader. Most tested of the other holdover backcourters is 5-9 senior Harold Triche (7.6), while lettermen back are 6-2 junior Dedrick Elder (3.4), 6-3 sophomore David Elliott (1.4) and 5-9 sophomore Mike Dietz (1.0). Backline newcomers are transfer students Walker D. Russell (6-5 sophomore from Houston) and Dave Schluter (6-1 sophomore from Illinois), along with 6-4 freshman Tim Waun. Russell, a former prep All-America from Pontiac, Michigan won't become eligible until January, which is a shame since he could be the perfect solution to Cunningham's departure.

In the front line, pivot men are 6-8 junior Mike Seberger (5.9/6.1), a two-year regular, 6-8 junior Dave Kuipers (3.7/2.3) and 6-8 freshman Larry Blahnik. At forward, the Broncos are happy to have back two players who missed all or part of last season due to injuries, 6-7 senior Melvin Maxwell (13.4/6.7) and 6-6 junior Tony Flanory. Also held in high regard is 6-5 JUCO recruit Jasper McElroy, a third-team JC All-America who netted 24.5 ppg last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Broncos almost cracked the .500 plateau last season, but will be lucky to climb that high with sharpshooter Cunningham gone. Dietrich is an excellent playmaking guard, and there's depth aplenty in the front line, but again, how do you replace a Cunningham. Simply put, you don't, and without him the Broncos look no better than second division material in the MAC.

Miami (O.) (9-18)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Ah, youth! That must be what's running through the mind of Coach Darrell Hedric, as he prepares his cagers for the coming season. The Redskin roster lists only one senior,

three juniors, five sophomores and five freshmen. Come the end of the 80-81 campaighn, however, Coach Hedric's feelings may be more like: Ah, youth -- ah, hell!

Saddled with another rugged schedule, the 'Skins will rally around the all-veteran front line of 6-8 junior center George Sweigert (7.0), 6-7 sophomore forward Tony Lehman (6.8) and that lone senior class members mentioned earlier, 6-6 Joe Niekamp (5.9). Up from the prep ranks are a trio of front liners with impressive credentials who figure to head the reserve brigade in this area: 6-6 Chuck Dahn, 6-7 Mike McElrath and 6-6 Jim Ed Garrett.

Running the backcourt show will be 5-11 sophomore Craig Tubbs (6.8), while lettermen guards available are 6-3 junior Steve Allen (1.5) and 6-2 junior Jeff Lisath (3.1). Once again, though, the 'Skins added frosh help, namely 6-4 Chuck Stahl, one of the top scorers in the Ohio prep ranks last year at 25.4 ppg, and 6-1 John Willoughby, a 21.5 point average man at Willard, Ohio, High.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The last two years have seen the Redskins log identical 9-18 marks, and chances are they'll be around the same level in 80-81. This team's preponderance of youth, and dearth of reliable scoring, is just too great a handicap against a demanding schedule that figures to see them come up on the short end of the score all too frequently.

Ohio U. (8-18)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

Raised in rough-and-tumble Brooklyn, NY; a veteran of the U.S. Marines who served two years in Viet Nam, and most recently; an assistant to Digger Phelps at Notre Dame. That's the capsule background on new Bobcat skipper Danny Nee, who filled the bill perfectly for OU Athletic Director Harold "Mack" McElhaney, who wanted a "fighter" to turn around the school's sagging cage program. "I'm no magician, and I know Ohio University has been down for several years," comments Nee, "But I see this as an excellent challenge. I believe Ohio can return to the prominence it once enjoyed."

Of the players first-year Coach Nee inherits, the classiest are junior guards Kirk Lehman (17.6) and Spindle Graves (12.1/91 assists/team-high 5.3 reebs per-game). They will get assistance from a pair of sophomore lettermen, 6-3 Tim Woodson (3.8) and 6-5 Mick Isgrigg (1.2), as well as 6-1 JUCO transfer Eric Hilton and 6-5 freshman Steve Becvar, who earned prep All-America honors at Woodward High in Rockville, Maryland.

Holdovers up front are 6-7 senior Jim Zalenka (7.9/4.2), a starter last season, 6-9 senior John Patterson (4.6/2.8), 6-7 junior Andre Adams (5.5/4.6) and 6-3 sophomore Tracy Poindexter (1.9/1.9). Frosh newcomers looked to for immediate help are 6-9 Sean Carlson, 6-8 Nathaniel Cole, 6-8 John Devereaux, while arriving from the JUCO ranks is 6-7 Lionel Rogers.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: A scrapper is what the OU athletic brass wanted in a new cage coach, and that's just what they got in Danny Nee, a graduate of the hard-knocks school. With Lehman and Graves, the Bobcats have one of the better guard duos in the MAC, but questions still abound in the rebuilt front line. Therefore, we see another losing year and second division league finish for Ohio U. in their maiden voyage under Coach Nee.

Kent State (16-11)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Golden Flashes have shown steady improvement in their three years under Coach Ed Douma, pushing their season victory total from 6 to 13 to 16. That upward mobility may go awry this season, however, unless the KSU leader can fill the front line holes created by the graduation of forward Trent Grooms, top rebounder in school history, and center Harvey Daniels.

The hub of the Flashes' attack is 6-4 sophomore guard Robert Kitchen (13.1), who set a school freshman scoring record last season, and in addition, led the team in assists with 97 and steals with 67. Pulling full-time duty again at the other forecourt spot is 6-0 junior Kenny Howell (9.3), second in assists with 91, while the key reserves in this area will be 6-3 sophomore Geoff Warren (6.3) and 6-4 junior Jeff Hans (3.0). Freshman Curtis Moore, a 6-4 swingman from Detroit's Southwestern High, will also help on the backline.

Pacing the up front crew is 6-8 sophomore Rob Koch (9.0/4.8), who came on strong the second half of his frosh campaign to earn honorable mention All-MAC notice. Lettermen looked to as possible replacements for Grooms and Daniels are 6-6 sophomore Greg Cudworth (2.9/1.8), 6-8 sophomore Ed Kaminski (1.8/0.9) and 6-9 senior Mike Fowler (3.1/1.5). The KSU coaching staff also brought in five new front liners, 6-7 JUCO transfer Tyrone Evans, 6-6 sophomore Keith Gordon (a transfer from Abilene Christian), and a trio of freshmen -- 6-8 Robert Brannon, 6-8 Dennis Finn and 6-8 Mike McClenahan. JC product Evans at 235-pounds, and frosh Brannon at 225, will supply additional inside size and strength.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Kent State lost more than 23 points and 16 rebounds per game when Grooms and Daniels departed via graduation, losses that could cripple the inside game. The guard situation is much stronger, led by talented soph Kitchen and two-year regular Howell. Obviously, Coach Douma and aides recruited with an eye toward rebuilding the front line, and the newcomers should fit in well with some experience. But the Golden Flashes probably won't be as strong right away, and they will be mighty fortunate to come up with another winning record in 80-81.

Others

DePaul (26-2)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Blue Demons have changed their place of residence and it couldn't have come at a better time. They'll move their home games from old Alumni Gym (5,300) to the brand new Rosemont Horizon (18,000) and they should pack the new arena to the rafters cause the granddaddy of coaches, Ray Meyer, has himself a larder stocked full of goodies.

First, and foremost, is the best player in the land in 6-7 junior forward Mark Aguirre. He's trimmed some weight down (to 225) and that will spell more trouble for the opposition. In two years he's pumped in 1,516 points. He also averaged 7.6 caroms per outing last year and its easy to see why he's a member of the GAMEPLAN All-America squad. He'll be joined, up front, by 6-10 sophomore Terry Cummings (14.2/9.4) who came on like gangbusters last season. Another sophomore, 6-8 Teddy Grubbs (7.8/4.6) figures to round out the frontcourt starters unless 6-10 sophomore transfer (from Rice) Brett Burkholder has something to say about it.

Things are well set at guard. The man who makes the machine tick is 6-0 senior Clyde Bradshaw (10.5). He had 215 assist and 99 steals last year. The other guard spot will be filled again by 6-2 junior Skip Dillard (12.1) with additional help coming from 6-4 freshman recruit Jerry McMillan, the best prep guard in New Jersey a year ago.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Demons won their first 25 games last year. We don't expect that to happen again. We do think that Aguirre is the best forward in all of collegiate basketball and his supporting cast is good enough to carry this team a long way. Perhaps all the way to the final four and a national title. Only time will tell and we'll be rooting for Ray to go all the way.

Notre Dame (22-6)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Excellence has been the by-word for Fighting Irish basketball since the day "Digger" Phelps picked up the coaching reins ten years ago. This season will be no exception, as Notre Dame goes after its sixth straight 20-win campaign and eighth consecutive NCAA Tourney appearance. But is that FIRST NCAA TITLE in the offing? Not unless "Digger" can find adequate replacements for the two-year backcourt duo of Rich Branning, the school's career assist leader, and hustlin' Billy Hanzlik.

Branning's old point guard spot will be filled by 6-2 sophomore John Paxson (4.6), second best assist man as a frosh with 62 and the most active of the reserve players. Both of the other veteran backcourters on hand, 6-3 senior Stan

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Wilcox (2.8) and 6-2 junior Mike Mitchell (2.5), have starting experience, and the Irish also brought in a pair of rangy freshmen capable of playing guard and forward - 6-7 Barry Spencer (Detroit's Central Catholic High) and 6-4 Tom Sulby (Gonzaga High, Washington, D.C.) Both Spencer and Sulby earned prep All-America honors last year.

The Irish have no need to worry about the front line, since returning for more starting duty is the senior trio of forwards Kelly Tripucka (18.0/6.6) and Tracy Jackson (15.1/7.1), along with center Orlando Woolridge (12.2/6.9). Tripucka, a solid All-America candidate, has been called the "Pied Piper" of Notre Dame basketball because of his outstanding leadership ability. Forward back-ups with letterwinning experience are 6-11 senior Gil Salinas (4.0/2.0) and 6-6 sophomore Bill Varner (3.7/1.8), while pivot man Woolridge will get support from 6-10 sophomore Tim Andree (3.6/2.4) and 6-11 freshman Joe Kleine (Slater, Missouri, High). Like fellow frosh Spencer and Sulby, Kleine was a prep All-America who closed out a banner career with averages of 31.3 points and 20.1 rebounds per game. The final newcomer is 6-8 freshman Cecil Rucker, from the same school (Mackin High, Washington, D.C.) that previously sent the Irish a number of standout players.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Led by a talented and battle-tested front line, the Fighting Irish have a good shot at another 20-win year and NCAA Tournament invite. Although, it should be noted their 80-81 opponents (UCLA and San Francisco twice, Indiana, Kentucky, Marquette, Virginia, DePaul, etc.) will push them to the limit. Notre Dame should pass most of those regular season tests well enough, but just how far the Irish go this year -- in both the victory column and the NCAAs -- depends on how well the all-new backcourt shapes up. Yet one can never, ever count out "Digger" Phelps' team in the run for Number One.

Marquette (18-9)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

As both head basketball coach and athletic director, Hank Raymonds has no one to blame but himself for the back-breaking schedule his Warriors must tackle this season. In all, eleven of Marquette's 80-81 opponents advanced to NCAA or NIT post-season competition last year, making this perhaps the most difficult slate in school history. But then, the Warriors always seem to face rugged opposition, and considering they themselves have been invited to either the NCAAs or NIT the past 14 years, it says an awful lot about the enduring success story of Marquette basketball.

Returning from last year's NCAA club, which raced to victories in 12 of its final 15 games, are three regulars. Two of them, 6-7 senior Oliver Lee (15.9/5.2) and 6-7 sophomore Terrell Schlundt (9.2/3.8), will again take care of the forward positions. Back-up help in the corners comes from 6-5 junior Greg Shimon (2.5/1.6) and 6-7 freshman Marc Marotta, a Top Fifty rated prepster out of Pittsburgh's Central Catholic High and the first player named to the Pennsylvania team for the prestigious Dapper Dan Classic. At the pivot spot, the Warriors have two hopefuls in 6-9 junior Dean Marquardt (1.4/1.6) and 6-10 junior Brian Nyenhuis, a transfer from UW-Milwaukee who red-shirted last year. Marquardt is a potential standout whose 79-80 performance was well below-par due to injuries suffered in a pre-season automobile accident, but he's reportedly mended now and anxious to show what he can really do.

Setting the tempo on the backline is 6-4 junior Michael Wilson (8.5), a defensive demon who had 71 steals and 30 blocked shots last season. Old running mate Sam Worthen has gone on to the NBA, and lettermen trying to fill his spot are 6-2 senior Tony Davis (2.2), 6-2 senior Larry Hatchett (3.2) and 6-1 senior Artie Green (8.7). Green has the best chance, provided he can fend off 6-4 freshman Glenn Rivers (Proviso East High; Maywood, Ill.), rated by some as the premier backcourter in the prep ranks last year. Another promising frosh guard is 6-5 Dan Smolinski, the all-time leading scorer from Wisconsin's Menasha High.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The beat goes on in Milwaukee -- the schedule is a toughie, as usual, but the Warriors are well up to the challenge, as per custom! Guard Wilson and forward "O" Lee are the leaders, and the tandem of Marquardt and transfer Nyenhuis should make pivot play stronger than its been since Jerome Whitehead graduated in 1978. The difficulty of this year's opposition will make a 20-win season quite an undertaking, yet the Warriors should win as many as they did in 79-80 and, in the process, annex their 15th straight post-season appearance.

Loyola (Chi.) (19-10)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

In all, this year's Ramblers will play six teams that went to either the NCAA tournament or the NIT last season. But considering new head coach Gene Sullivan, who assumes double duties after serving as Loyola's athletic director the past three years, has at his disposal three starters from the Rambler team that also made an NIT appearance in 79-80, no opponent is going to run this team off the floor!

The cast of returnees is spearheaded by 6-7 senior forward Kevin Sprewer (15.8/9.8), a slam-dunk artist who had 47 "stuffs" last season and, ala Philadelphia 76er Darryl Dawkins, shattered one backboard. Returning at the pivot spot is 6-9 junior Wayne Sappleton (6.6/7.6), a sensational prep player in Jamaica starting to come into his own at the U.S. major college level. The only other tested front liner on hand is 6-7 senior Steve Parham (3.2/3.2), so the Ramblers went out and recruited the frosh duo of 6-8 Tim Nolan (Chicago's St. Patrick High) and 6-5 Gerry Mundt (New Lenox, Illinois).

In the backcourt, top 79-80 scorer LeRoy Stampley (20.3) has been lost to graduation, as was "sixth" man Dan Bush (9.5/125 assists). The Ramblers do return 6-3 junior Darius Clemons (15.6/116 assists), one of the premier defensive guards in the country, as well as 6-4 junior Pete Brennan (2.5), 6-5 junior Brian Liston (3.3) and 6-1 senior Louis Reymond (1.6). Liston, a long-range gunner with a deadly eye, is being counted on to fill Stampley's shooting guard role. Others in the backcourt picture are 6-2 junior Tim Riordan, who red-shirted last season, and 6-2 freshman Dan Burich from Chicago's De LaSalle High.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: DePaul, Marquette, Bradley and Minnesota are just a few of the rugged opponents the Ramblers must face this season. But then, that's nothing new, since Loyola annually takes on one of the toughest schedules around. Coming off their best year in quite some time, the Ramblers have the material to hold their own versus the best of'em, and Coach/Athletic Director Sullivan's first year should result in another winning mark and possibly a repeat post-season appearance.

Detroit (14-13)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Titans decided that playing as an independent was for the birds and have joined the Midwestern City Conference. If they're to make a title run they need some help in the all important backcourt where graduation wiped out the incumbents. Three rookies and a pair of sophomores will be bringing the ball up for coach Willie McCarter. The "veterans" are 6-3 Roy "Sleepy" Simms (1.8) and 6-5 Albert Blakey (1.2). The newcomers, all freshmen, include 6-3 Audie Matthews, 6-0 Mark Moore and 6-0 Earl Simms.

The situation up front presents a much brighter image. The key players are 6-9 junior forward Joe Kopicki (10.5/6.0) and 6-6 junior forward Jerry Davis (14.6/6.0). Bolstering the ranks are 6-8 sophomore Clarence McNatt, 6-7 senior Tony Core and 6-6 sophomore Doug Chappell. The question mark is at center and there may be a satisfactory answer in the presence of 6-10 JUCO transfer Anthony Lee. Additional help should come from a pair of freshmen -- 6-7 Anthony Asberry and 6-7 Robert Biasutto.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Titans certainly aren't going to set the world afire early on with the host of newcomers at guard. If the power men up front can hold down the fort then the second half of the campaign looks promising but only if Lee comes through in the pivot. We look for Detroit to finish in the league's first division and possibly make a run for the title but the overall mark won't be much above the break even level.

Dayton (13-14)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

For years, Coach Don Donoher's Flyers were a model of

consistency, forging out good records no matter how rough the opposition. Last season, therefore, did very little to enhance that image, as an overall lack of team speed and erratic play doomed the Flyers to their first losing campaign since 1974-75. Getting the Dayton ship under full sail again depends on solving the above problems, while in addition, coming up with a replacement for top scorer and assister, Jack Zimmerman (17.2/133 assists).

The starting front line does return enmasse in 6-9 senior Richard Montague (12.5/7.4), Junior Mike Kanieski (9.6/5.2) and 6-6 junior Jim Rhoden (10.5/6.7). Junior Mike Gorney (3.7/2.8) is also back after starting at center in nine of last year's final 10 games, while additional pivot help will come from 6-10 junior George Morrison (4.1/3.8). Best of the new front courters is 6-4 "small forward" Roosevelt Chapman, a Brooklyn, NY (Westinghouse High) product super scout Howard Garfinkle describes thusly: "Chapman does everything well. He floats past defenders, is an unselfish player who sees the whole floor ... the best of kids."

The only holdover guards with much chance of starting are 6-6 junior Sean McNally (3.4), who needs to concentrate more, and 6-1 sophomore Kevin Conrad (2.1). Fresh imports of note, both 6-3 freshmen, are Scott Gray (Wheelersburg, Ohio) and Paul Hawkins (Dayton). Home-towner Hawkins, from Dayton's Dunbar High, is a sky-walker type who rammed in 24 ppg his senior prep year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Flyers were their own worst enemies last season, when mental lapses (coupled with overall slowness of foot) parlayed into a rare losing year. Getting back on the plus-.500 track in 80-81, since the schedule offers the usual line-up of gruesome foes. Dayton's front line is stout-hearted enough, if they concentrate all the time, to hold against the most rugged of opponents, but the key is the backcourt, where quickness of foot has still to be proven. Thus, this year's Flyers will struggle to climb back into the ranks of the winning.

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Xavier (O.) (8-18)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule** - Above Avg.

Coach Bob Staak lived up to his "Super Recruiter" reputation by signing on a quartet of blue-chip freshmen who will make immediate -- and in some cases, substantial -- contributions to the Musketeer hoop squad. Add those frosh wunderkinds to a solid veteran crew whose only major graduation loss was playmaking guard Keith Walker, and it's easy to see why the Xavier campus is buzzing like a nest of honey bees stirred up by a marauding bear.

Returning in the backcourt for more regular duty is 6-0 sophomore Anthony Hicks (12.8/115 assists). Lettermen holding over are 6-2 senior Broderick Dow (1.9), 6-3 senior Joe Schoenfeld (1.7) and 5-11 junior Tim Chadwell (1.6). But here comes the first wave of frosh recruits -- 6-6 Victor Fleming and 6-5 John Shimko. Fleming, an All-New York City first-team pick and "Basketball Weekly" All-America, dropped in 21 points and doled out six assists per game his final prep campaign, while Cleveland native Shimko was an Ohio all-state selection who popped in 22.2 ppg.

Another newcomer, 6-9 junior Tom Condon (a transfer from Pennsylvania U.) is projected as the starting center, making pivot play stronger than a year ago. Back at the forwards are four players who saw plenty of 79-80 action: 6-8 junior Jon Hanley (18.4/5.0), 6-7 senior Gary Massa (14.6/6.4), 6-6 senior Dwight Hollins (9.8/5.3) and 6-7 senior David Anderson (12.1/7.6). Now, for the last of Coach Staak's freshmen hot-shots, 6-4 Dexter Bailey (Cincinnati's Summit Day High) and 6-8 Jeff Jenkins (Weequahic High, Newark, NJ). Jenkins, a Converse prep All-America, comes highly regarded, but the "diamond" is Bailey, a leaping machine who garnered numerous honors his final school-boy year, including Ohio's Class A Player-of-the-Year award, MVP in the state championship tournament and "Basketball Weekly" All-America.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Kudos are in order for Coach Staak and his assistants for this year's banner recruiting harvest, which when added to the holdover cast could very well lift the Musketeers back above .500 during the coming season. How far above it? Not a great deal is our feeling, since the Muskies are still a pretty young team. But after all, a winning record is bound to please Xavier fans after last year's meager 8-18 fare!

Illinois State (20-9)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule** - Avg.

It tells you a lot about the progress Redbird basketball has made when it's noted that three ISU roundballers (Ron Jones, Joe Galvin and Del Yarbrough) were selected in this year's NBA draft. It also tells you Coach Bob Donewald has some large holes to fill if his team is to come near the standard of 20-or more wins the Redbirds have established over the past six years.

Two regulars do return, one of whom is 6-0 senior guard Dave Nussbaumer (6.0/152 assists), the "feeder" for departed guns Jones, Galvin and Yarbrough. For outside scoring punch, the 'Birds will look to 6-3 sophomore George Carter, who sat out last season with a broken leg, and swift 6-2 sophomore Dwayne Tyus (3.8). Additional back liners with letterman experience are 6-5 junior Dale White (3.5) and 6-6 senior swingman McKay Smith (1.0).

In the frontal area, 6-6 senior Anthony Jones (5.3/3.8) returns his great defensive skills at one forward, but replacing seven-foot pivot Galvin and four-year forward regular Yarbrough will not be easy. Center hopefuls are 6-8 senior Roy Herold, who played in only four games last season, and 6-8 sophomore Tyrone Brewer (1.1/1.0), as may be 6-8 freshman Mark Zwart, if his services aren't required more at forward. Holdover corner men are 6-6 sophomore Raynard Malaine (6.5/3.0), plus the 6-8 soph duo of Rick Lamb (3.3/3.3) and Mark Herron (0.4/0.3), while moving up from the school boy ranks is 6-7 freshman Hank Cornley.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Six consecutive years of twenty of more wins and NIT appearances three of the last four seasons. That's the standard Coach Donewald's 80-81 cagers must measure up to, at least if the Redbirds are to emulate the school's recent hardwood success. Forget it! This team has suffered some mighty extensive losses, and while we would agree the remaining players and new recruits have good promise, it will take time for that to come about. Illinois State is in for a drop this season, albeit, a "small" drop.

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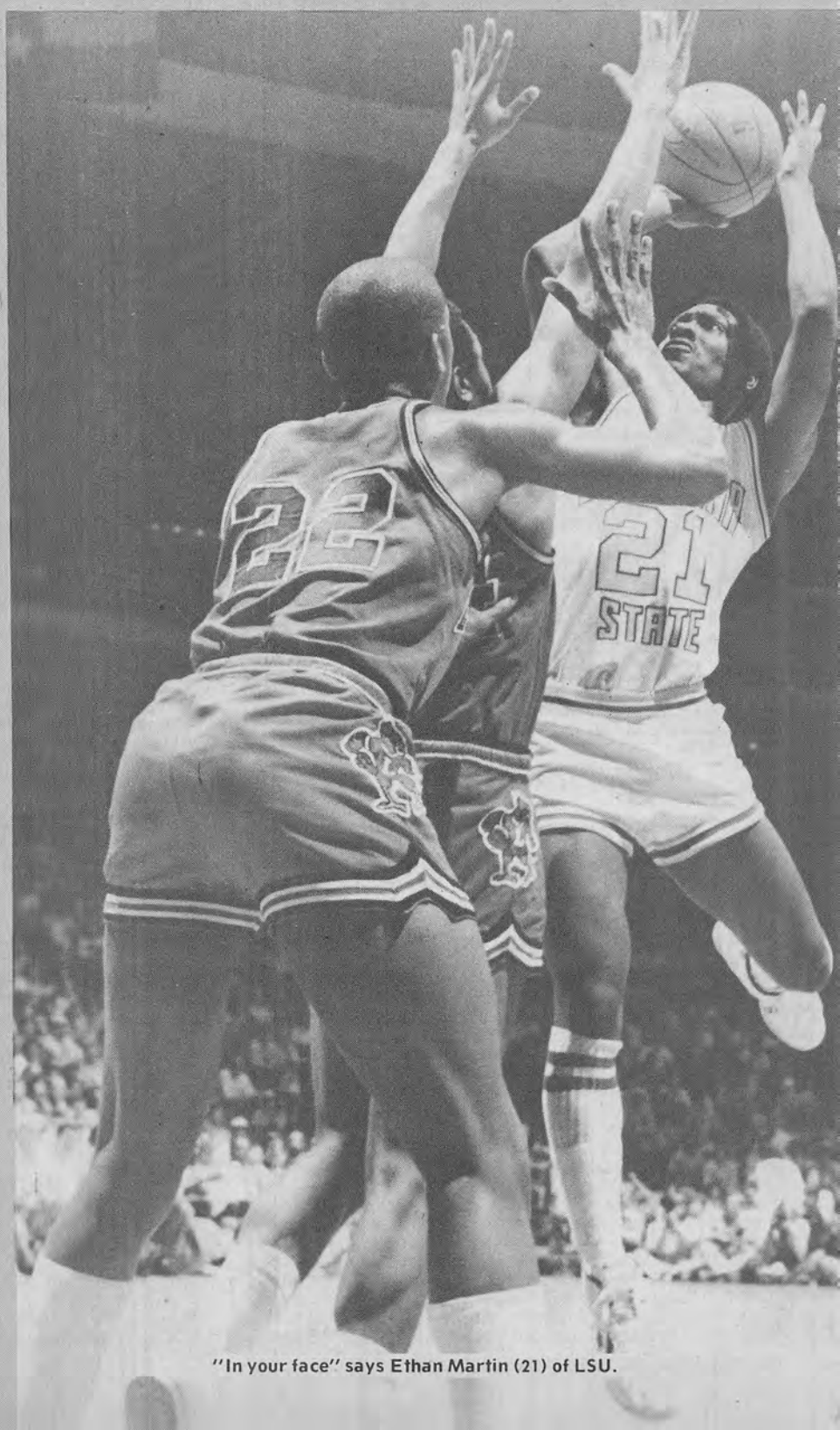

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Kentucky (29-6)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Coach Joe Hall is undoubtedly one of, if not the best, recruiters in the land and the freshman crop he's landed this year is enough to make anyone drool. He picked off no less than four prepsters who were rated among the top 40 in the nation. Throw them in with some outstanding returnees and you have the makings of a super team .. IF .. some sort of replacement can be found for departed team leader Kyle Macy. Hall is hoping that 6-3 sophomore Dirk Minniefield (5.0) will assume that role. He dished out 126 assists last year, second only to Macy on the squad. The other guard spot will be fought for by two of those newcomers. In 6-4 Jim Master Hall landed the best guard in the state of Indiana, a 27.8 producer. The other is 5-11 Dicky Beal, a home grown Kentuckian who ripped the cords for a 23.6 average. Also on hand are 6-2 senior Chris Gettelfinger (1.0) and 6-1 junior Bo Lanter (0.8).

The all-important pivot is occupied by 7-1 sophomore Sam Bowie (12.9/8.1) who's only peer among young big men is Virginia's Ralph Sampson. Bowie was a standout member of the Olympic Team and has improved dramatically over this yearling season. His backup will be 7-0 freshman Melvin Turpin, a Lexington native who'd start for most other clubs. One of the forward spots belongs to 6-8 senior Fred Cowan (12.5/5.7). A battle royal is expected for the other. Four returnees -- 6-6 junior Chuck Verderber (3.0/2.2) and three sophomores -- 6-6 Derrick Hord (5.9/2.5), 6-6 Charles Hurt (3.9/2.5) and 6-8 Tom Heitz (1.3/0.8) will bang heads. But 6-9 freshman Bret Bearup may relegate all of the upperclassmen to splinter gathering.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Wildcats will miss Macy for sure. But there's so much talent on this club that the slack is bound to be small. In Bowie, Kentucky has the intimidator most teams would give their eye teeth for. Cowans and Minniefield are strong performers and those incoming frosh should blend quite well with the experienced veterans. We look for the Wildcats to win the SEC title and make a strong run at the national crown in the process.

LSU (26-6)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Bayou Bengals seemed to have a full head of steam, and an NCAA Tournament title on their minds, until they ran into this meatgrinder from Louisville and got chewed up, 86-66, in last season's championship tourney semi-finals. Not long after that, Coach Dale Brown was dealt another "low blow" when star forward DeWayne Scales packed it in by opting for NBA Hardship status, somewhat clouding the hitherto bright prospects for the 80-81 Tigers.

Scales' premature departure did not, however, turn the front line picture into instant despair. Not with 6-7 senior Durand Macklin (17.6/9.7), an All-America prospect if ever there was one. It didn't take long to ascertain that the new face at the other forward will belong to 6-7 freshman Leonard Mitchell, a prep all-everything from St. Martinsvile, Louisiana who pumped in 32 points and muscled down 18 reebs per game his final scholastic campaign. The Bengals also like the potential of 6-7 sophomore Tyrone Black (2.2/1.2), as well as that of two other frosh prospects, 6-6 Brian Kistler and 6-5 Matt England. The starting pivot the second half of last season, and this year's logical choice is 6-9 senior Greg Cook (4.4/5.8). Back up help in the middle will come from 7-2 senior Andy Campbell (0.3/0.3), an Australian native who made that country's Olympic basketball team, but still not ready for full-time duty as LSU's center.

The Bayou Bengals may very will have the finest guard corps in the SEC, headed up by 6-0 senior Ethan Martin (11.9), who passed off for 174 assists last season. If he isn't confined to playing forward all the time, the other starting guard will be 6-5 sophomore Howard "Hi-C" Carter (10.5/3.5), an SEC All-Frosh selection. Should Carter go front court, the second backcourt hole would be filled by either 6-3 senior Willie Sims (9.2) or 6-2 freshman Johnny Jones, another home-grown standout (DeRidder, LA) who won just about every honor a prep player can aspire to. Other front courters looked to for depth are 6-3 junior J. Brian Bergeron (1.0), 6-7 sophomore Joe Costello (0.3) and 6-5 freshman John Tudor (Pineville, LA).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The 79-80 Tigers finished second to Kentucky in the SEC regular-season race, then bumped the same 'Cats, 80-78, in the league's post-season tourney. The same two teams figure to wage a private war again this year for league supremacy, and don't discount Coach Brown's team, no matter how much you read about the KU WIldcats' all-this and all-that players. They deserve the headlines, but don't ever think LSU's Macklin and Martin can't hold their own against anybody. They lead a talent parade that may be the longest in LSU cage history, one that is capable of stretching all the way to the site of next March's Final Four showdown.

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Alabama (18-12)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Crimson Tide has a new coach. He's Wimp Sanderson, a former assistant who took over the reins from C.M. Newton. And Sanderson isn't smiling just because he's the head honcho. He's got a veteran team to work with. The front line is a very respectable group headed by 6-7 junior forward Eddie Phillips (16.7/11.4) who's the top returning rebounder in the SEC and an all-league pick last year. There's only one senior on the squad and he's a good one -- 6-7 forward Ken Johnson (14.7/5.5). The pivot is well handled by 6-9 junior Phillip Lockett (6.6/7.4) who has the potential to become a very fine center. Additional up front help will come from 6-5 sophomore Cliff Windham (2.2); 6-5 soph forward Eugene Jones (1.4) and 6-7 junior center Maurice Myers (0.9). A pair of newcomers could also figure prominently -- 6-7 transfer Desi Barmore and 6-8 freshman Terry Williams.

There's some help needed in the backcourt where only 6-4 sophomore Mike Davis (5.4) and 6-0 junior Eddie Adams (7.0) have much game experience. 6-2 sophomore Vance Wheeler (0.7) and 6-2 junior Reggie Strickland (0.7) will provide backstopping at guard. A pair of frosh recruits could see immediate duty – 6-3 Sammy Randolph and 6-3 Eric Richardson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The key to this year's fortunes lie in the backcourt where instant help is needed. If one of the two frosh responds then things will be indeed sweet. The front line is loaded with goodies. Phillips can play with the best big men the SEC has to offer and the center and other spot have plenty of punch. Still, the best we see is a third place finish with the win total approaching the 20 mark by season's end.

Georgia (14-13)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

Last year, Bulldog mentor Hugh Durham made folks sit up and take notice by signing on two of the premier high school

players in the country, Dominique Wilkins and Terry Fair. Both wound up being named to the 79-80 SEC All-Freshmen team. A tough act to follow, most would say, but ol' Hughie did quite all right again this year in the recruiting department, landing NY City's superb "big guard" Vern Fleming, plus Atlanta's super forward, James Banks. What does it all mean? Simple, the Bulldogs are on the move in the SEC, and the direction they're heading is UP.

Forwards Wilkins (18.6/6.5), 6-6 and Fair (13.6/10.0), 6-7, comprise perhaps the finest young corner tandem in college basketball, and when you add the 6-6 Banks (24.7 points, 14.3 reebs for Atlanta's Smith High) you've got the kind of depth any coach would give his long-term contract to have. Wilkins, leading returning scorer in the league, will be an exceptional talent if he's fully recovered from strained knee ligaments that kept him out of action the second half of his frosh campaign. Pivot duties will be handled by 6-9 sophomore Bobby Miles (0.6/1.1), who saw only limited action in 79-80 behind the departed Lavon Mercer, while other veteran front liners are 6-5 sophomore swingman Lamar Heard (4.6/3.3) and burly 6-7 sophomore Mike Morris (2.4/2.0). The second new recruit up front is 6-5 freshman Sid Truesdale (Canton, NC).

Frosh backcourter Fleming, a 6-5 product of NY City's Mater Christi High, capped off a brilliant prep career by earning MVP honors in the prestigious Dapper Dan Classic all-star game, and he should be an immediate starter at one guard. Vying for the nod at the other back line spot are 6-3 sophomore Derrick Floyd (3.8), 6-5 junior Eddie Small (1.5), 6-1 junior Wilmore Fowler, a transfer from the University of Kansas, and the last of the freshmen signees, 6-4 Phil Wallace (Dublin, Georgia).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The ONLY thing Coach Durham hasn't succeeded in finding in his recruiting efforts has been a dominant pivot man. But as the UCLA Bruins proved last year in their Final Four run, quickness and aggressive play can sometimes overcome that. The youthful forward trio of Wilkins, Fair and Banks has unlimited potential, and frosh guard Fleming could develop into the best backcourter in school history. As usual, Kentucky will be the pre-season favorite for SEC title honors, but among the teams expected to give the 'Cats fits are Hugh Durham's Dandies, a first division club all the way.

Tennessee (18-11)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

One step at a time, that's how Coach Don DeVoe of the Vols does things. Last year, the Big Orange cage mentor's recruiting efforts were aimed at bringing in front line players, and the prime example of how successful his efforts were, 6-7 forward Dale Ellis, made the 79-80 SEC All-Freshmen team. Now, Coach DeVoe will see how his addition of two prep All-America guards, Tyrone Beaman and Michael Brooks, pan out on the back line.

It is hoped that either the 5-10 Beaman (Jamestown, NY) or 6-3 Brooks (Memphis) can fill the point guard spot left vacant by the graduation of assist leader Bert Bertelkamp. Beaman led his Jamestown High team to New York's Class A state title last year, averaging 23 points and nearly 11 assists per game, while home-grown standout Brooks was rated Tennessee's top prep prospect by "The Knoxville News-Sentinel." Also looking to fill that quarterback role is 6-3 sophomore Michael Poole (1.2). The other backcourt spot will be held down again by 6-3 junior Gary Carter (9.8), who hopes to recapture his brilliant form of two years ago, when he received some Freshmen All-America recognition.

Speaking of All-Americas, the Vols lost their two-time A-A, Reggie Johnson, to graduation and those are L-A-R-G-E sneakers to fill. Two forwards who do return after starting at various times last season are the above-mentioned Ellis (7.2/3.6), a 6-7 sophomore, and 6-4 junior Steve Ray (6.7/2.7). Ray is the prime candidate for what the Vols term the "wing" position. A pure forward all the way is 6-7 incoming freshman Willie Burton, an 18-point, 21-rebound average man his final scholastic year. Tennessee's version of "Gentle Ben," 6-7 235-pound senior Howard Wood (13.1/5.2) returns at center after finishing second to the graduated Johnson in both scoring and rebounding last season. However, up from the prep ranks comes 6-10 frosh pivot Dan Federmann, a Cincinnati native regarded as the premier big man in the state of Ohio.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year marked the second time in a row the Vols went to the NCAA Tourney, but that streak will be hard to keep going with All-America Johnson missing. Up front, the burly Woods, soph Ellis and frosh newcomers Burton and Federmann will have to work hard to make up for Johnson's loss, and one of the backcourt newcomers, either Beaman or Brooks, must adequately fill the quarterback assignment. As per custom, Tennessee's schedule is a rough one, but we've got enough faith in Coach DeVoe and his recruiting prowess to believe the Vols will be first division contenders again in the Southeastern Conference.

Vanderbilt (13-13)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Commodores of last year were able to find the hoop with regularity but so was the opposition. However second year mentor Richard Schmidt has some aces up his sleeve this season. The foremost trump will be the healthy return of 6-7 senior forward Charles Davis. He missed almost all of last year's action after averaging 18.6 points per game two seasons back. He'll again be reunited with 6-5 senior Mike Rhodes, last year's top point producer who scored at an 18.4 clip. They're known, in Nashville circles, as "Town and Country." Together they've accumulated 2,730 points and will finish their careers as the top two all-time scorers in Vandy history.

Joining that duo at forward will be 6-8 senior Brian Allsmiller (6.8/4.8), 6-8 junior Willie Jones (9.0/5.7), who started most games at center last year, 6-8 sophomore Ted Young (10.0/5.9), who took Davis' spot in the starting rotation and 6-6 sophomore James Williams (5.4/2.3) who'll perhaps switch to guard this time around. One of the above will undoubtedly get some time at center along with 6-10 incoming freshman Jeff Turner and 6-10 senior Pat Berwanger (3.5/2.3).

The situation at guard is a bit mixed up. With all that tall timber up front, Rhodes may move to the backcourt. If that happens then the hunt will be on for a point guard. One of the hopefuls is 6-1 sophomore Jimmy Gray (8.2). He'll be joined in battle by 6-6 sophomore Jimmy Weikert (1.0) and a trio of freshmen -- highly touted 6-6 Al Miller, 6-2 Jimmy Lentz and 6-2 Al McKinney.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With Davis returning in good health the Commodores should increase their league leading scoring output. They'll manage that if someone can be found to run the show at the point. The problem spot is in the post where there's not a proven big man to take charge. That prompts us to think that Vandy will find itself right back in last year's boat -- one that goes at high speed but also allows the opposition to do the same.

Mississippi (17-13)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

How do you replace a John Stroud, who pumped in 26.3 ppg two years ago, 25.2 last season? Simply put, you don't! Instead, Coach Bob Weltlich will re-group his forces around four returning regulars and several key reserves from last year's club, which hung up Ole Miss's best cage record in 42 years and made the school's first-ever post-season appearance in the NIT.

Forward Elston Turner (16.9/7.0), a 6-5 senior, assumes command in the front line after finishing runner-up to Stroud in both scoring and rebounding last season. Turner's new forward partner will be drawn from between 6-6 junior transfer Daryl Baucham, 6-8 freshman Rob Drum (Jonesboro, Arkansas) and 6-7 freshman Curtis McAlister (Daytona Beach, Florida). Starting in the middle again will be 6-8 sophomore Roger Stieg (4.6/3.3), with back-up support at center coming from 6-8 junior Tim Thomas (1.0/1.6), 6-7 senior Norman Miller (0.8/1.4) and 6-9 sophomore Lane Shoup (0.6/0.4).

The featured attraction in the backcourt is 6-1 junior Sean Tuohy (6.4/260 assists), who last season led the SEC in assists for the second straight year. His sidekick again will be 6-5 sophomore Carlos Clark (5.7). Lettermen guards are 6-4 senior Chris Barrett (5.6), 6-2 sophomore James Green (2.4) and 6-0 sophomore Cecil Dowell (1.9), with the lone new recruit in this area being 6-3 freshman Ken Coghlan.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: After two years of Stroud's scoring magic, the Rebs will have to spread the load around more in 80-81. Turner is an All-SEC prospect at one forward,

while there probably isn't a better playmaker in the league than Tuohy, who has an amazing 428 assists in his first two years at Ole Miss. Duplicating last year's 17 wins and NIT appearance is a lot to expect under the circumstances (i.e., Stroud's graduation), but with a few breaks, Ole Miss could finish with another winning record.

Auburn (10-18)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

There were times last season when Sonny Smith probably felt more like a doctor in a hospital emergency room than a basketball coach. In all, five players missed various amounts of action because of injuries during the 79-80 campaign, prompting one local fan to quip that Smith didn't need a whistle and diagram board -- he needed a stethoscope and X-Ray machine.

Entering his third year at the Auburn helm, Smith is hopeful injuries can be held down. Giving his team the depth necessary to reverse the many close losses they sustained during the season past, when eight contests were lost by six points or less, four of them on the last shot of the game. Starters returning from that snake-bitten club include 6-9 sophomore forward Darrell Lockhart (8.8/5.4) and 6-7 senior center Earl Banks (7.3/5.9). Banks could shift back to a natural forward spot if 6-9 senior center Bobby Cattage (7.7/5.3) recovers from an off-season appendix operation and subsequent infection that cost him considerable weight and stamina. If not, Banks will stay in the middle, and the vacant corner will be battled for by 6-6 sophomore Frank Poindexter (8.6/2.5), a part-time regular as a frosh, and two freshmen acquisitions -- 6-7 Mark Cahill and 6-7 Greg Turner.

The third full-timer holding over, 6-1 senior Eric Stringer (5.2/103 assists), will run things again from his point guard spot. Letterwinning backliners on hand are 6-2 sophomore Alvin Mumphord (3.8), 6-1 junior Kenny Carter (1.4), 6-3 sophomore Byron Henson (2.0) and 6-1 sophomore Jim Devaney (1.0). Frosh arrivals are 6-0 Paul Daniels, a McDonald's prep All-America, and 6-6 swingman Vince Martello, who garnered A-A honors from Adidas.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's injury-plagued Tigers finished next-to-last in the SEC standings, quite a disappointment for Coach Smith and Auburn cage fans. All concerned should be happier this season, however, since the War Eagles have the talent to win more than last year's 10-18 log indicates. Yet this team's lack of a truly dominant pivot man, and some uncertainty at the shooting guard spot (where three-year regular Bubba Price will be tough to replace), means a winning record overall will be quite a feat. As will, getting out of the league's second division.

Mississippi State (13-14)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Bulldogs' top player has gone on to the pro wars and Rickey Brown's loss will be severely felt. He was the third best rebounder in the country last year (14.4) and top State scorer (20.5) and a first round NBA selection to boot. Coach Jim Hatfield used several freshmen on a full time basis a year ago and he's hoping their maturity will make up for Brown's loss.

The best of the returnees is 6-1 senior guard Greg Grim (14.5) who shot 51 per cent from the outside last year. Sophomore Terry Lewis (4.3) is a 6-5 point guard who improved steadily during his yearling campaign. Lettermen Randy Jordan and Tom Schuberth will both see action in the backcourt while 6-4 incoming freshman Butch Pierre is rated as a "sleeper" among the guards.

Brown's spot will be filled by 6-6 freshman Michael Green, a 24 point scorer and solid rebounder from Louisiana. The other forward post belongs to 6-4 sophomore Jeff Malone (11.9/3.3) who was named to the All-SEC frosh squad. That leaves the pivot to 6-9 sophomore Kalpatrick Wells (4.6/7.7) who's a solid board man and shot blocker but woeful when it comes to putting the ball in the hole.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Even with Brown the Bulldogs couldn't manage a first division finish. What will happen without him? The youngsters are good, but not great and the league competition is fierce. There will be a lack of firepower inside and the guards, while possessing excellent shooting ability, can't do it all. We look for a repeat performance in both victories and conference finish as the best that can be hoped for in Starkville this year.

Florida (7-21)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

After years of playing their home games in the Florida Gym, a 5,400-capacity pit known as "Gator Alley," the U. of Florida cagers will entertain this season in the spiffy new Stephen C. O'Connell Center (capacity: 12,500). That should give the Gators added incentive in their first year under Coach Norm Sloan, who returns to Gainesville (where he coached from 1960-1966) after a successful 14-year stint at North Carolina State. And, Lord knows, the Gators need all the help they can get after losing 19 games two years ago, and twenty-one last season.

Back from last year's 10th place SEC finishers are two regulars, 6-2 senior guard Mark Giombetti (12.4) and 6-5 junior forward Mike Milligan (10.2). Milligan, who led the 79-80 Gators in assists (101) and steals (45) will probably see more backcourt duty this season. The only other guard of much consequence is 6-1 freshman Marty Perry, an all-state and McDonald's prep All-America from Hanover, Indiana's Southwestern High.

The new forwards will probably be a pair of freshmen, 6-5 Vernon Delancy (Miami's Senior High) and 6-8 Ronnie Williams (NY City's St. John's Prep). Delancy, Miami area Player-of-the-Year last season, is one of the finest small forward prospects in the nation. Other frosh front liners, both Florida natives, are 6-10 Chip Watts (Grand Ridge) and 6-8 Tim Strawbridge (Lakeland).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Gator fans will enjoy watching their team play in the new O'Connell Center, but they may not enjoy the outcome of too many games since the Gators look destined to run last again in the SEC. New/old skipper Sloan landed a couple of gems in frosh forwards Delancy and Williams, while the backcourt should be okay in terms of starters with Milligan expected to switch and join Giombetti. But depth is the missing link for the Gators, and it's bound to take a heavy toll as the season wears on.

Metro

Louisville (33-3)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Doc has graduated and the medics are needed; or are they? The Cardinals finally attained the pinnacle last year, winning the NCAA title and that made Denny Crum king of Kentucky. But he's now faced with finding a replacement for Darrell Griffith, everyone's collegiate player of the year in 79-80. He won't find such a commodity but he does have a slew of talented performers returning as well as some excellent incoming frosh prospects.

The McCray brothers; 6-7 Rodney and 6-8 Scooter, both sophomores, will be the workhorses of the squad. Scooter, who can play up front or at guard, missed almost all of last year's action with a back injury after averaging 10 points per game as a freshman two years ago. Rodney (7.8/7.5) shows promise of being a great performer before his collegiate playing days are through. 6-8 junior Wiley Brown (10.4/5.6) will most likely be found in the middle although Crum rotates his players in the frontcourt on many occasions. Junior Derek Smith (14.8/8.3) started last year but may have trouble holding his spot.

Gerry Eaves (7.7), a 6-4 junior, was Griffith's running mate at guard and will be called on for more point production. 6-5 junior swingman Pancho Wright (6.5) is the likely starter at the other guard. Freshman Lancaster Gordon, who averaged 26.5 points in the Mississippi Prep ranks, is the best of the newcomers and could be of immediate help.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cardinals can't fly any higher. The question is whether or not their wings will be clipped? Griffith's departure will certainly not help but the

healthy return of Scooter McCray will. The frontcourt is loaded with talent but the question mark is at guard. Crum has won at least 20 games since his arrival nine years ago. Despite a rugged schedule he'll again reach that magic figure and the Cardinals should finish atop the Metro heap. But we don't think there's quite enough firepower on hand to make it two in a row as far as national championships are concerned.

Florida State (22-9)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

In two years at the FSU helm, Coach Joe Williams has led the Seminoles to a composite 41-19 record, confirming once again that the man is a "winner" no matter where he hangs his hat. What made last year's performance, which culminated in the NCAA tournament appearance, even more noteworthy was the fact the Seminoles went for the most part with a three-guard offense, no easy task unless you have a backcourter the likes of Mickey Dillard to orchestrate things.

Dillard is a 6-3 senior with bonafide All-America makings who fired in 20.4 ppg last season, and there may not be a faster guard in all of college basketball. With FSU expected to revert to a normal two guard look, the second backcourt spot will be manned by either 6-4 junior Rodney Arnold (8.6) or 5-11 senior Bobby Parks (7.8), both of whom saw starting duty a year ago. For Arnold, the highlight of last season came when he bucketed 29 points in the Seminoles 94-91 first-round NCAA tourney win over Toledo.

Up front, graduation plucked All-Metro Seven forward Murray Brown, but holding over at center is 6-10 senior Elvis Rolle (15.3/7.9), a transfer from Oral Roberts who shot .611 percent from the floor his first year with the Seminoles. Rolle will get excellent support in the middle from 6-9 senior Kris Anderson, a three-year regular who sat out last season because of academic problems. Anderson will also play at forward. Other veteran front liners are 6-5 junior Greg Collingsworth and 6-2 senior Scott Matchett, while the Seminoles also welcome back two players who were medical red-shirts in 79-80, 6-5 junior James Bozeman and 6-8 senior Donnie Kuhl. Finally, FSU brought in a pair of hotly recruited freshmen in 6-9 Oren Gilmore, younger brother of NBA star Artis Gilmore, and 6-7 Rubin Williams.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: From this vantage point, FSU looks to be the early favorite in the Metro Seven title race. Guards Dillard, Arnold and Parks are as fine a threesome as you're likely to find in the college ranks, while pivot man Rolle has more than fulfilled the high expectations when he arrived from Oral Roberts. The return of Anderson and Bozeman is sure to strengthen the front ranks, and freshmen Gilmore and Williams have tremendous potential as forwards. The Seminoles should win twenty-plus games again, and to our way of thinking, wage a spirited war with defending national champion Louisville for the Metro championship.

Virginia Tech (21-8)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

It is more than mere coincidence that the recent rise of Gobbler basketball, exemplified by NCAA Tournament appearances the past two years, coincided with the arrival of super center Dale Solomon. Probably the premier cager in VPI history, Solomon does everything for Coach Charles Moir's team but blow up the basketballs, and the 6-9 junior pivot man will have to shoulder an even greater load in 80-81 since graduation claimed his old front line buddies, forwards Wayne Robinson and Les Henson.

Solomon, who dropped in 16.7 points and yanked down 7.7 reebs per game last season, is a muscular 225-pounder whose size belies the fact he has amazing quickness underneath the basket, enabling him to hold his own against taller enemy centers. First crack at the vacant forward spots will go to 6-8 junior Gordy Bryan (3.3/1.9) and 6-5 sophomore Michael Cooke (3.1/1.9), both of whom need to improve their defensive skills. Another letterman, 6-6 senior Dave Bennett (1.1/1.6), will also help in the corners, as will two new recruits -- 6-9 JUCO transfer Calvin Oldham and 6-8 freshman John Dixon.

Coach Moir feels much more confident about the backcourt situation, what with returning regulars in 6-1 senior Dexter Reid (5.5/93 assists) and 6-4 junior Jeff Schneider (9.0). Plus, monogram winning reserves in 6-0 sophomore Reggie Steppe (4.0) and 5-11 senior Mark Shrader (1.7). And, as if that weren't enough, the Hokies also brought in 6-2 JUCO product Mickey Hardy and two frosh guards, 6-1 Tim Lewis and 6-4 Ron Everhart. "I think we'll be improved in the backcourt," comments Coach Moir, "But we'll just have to wait and see what happens in the frontcourt."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: We don't really share the VPI skipper's concern about the up front situation, at least not while the "King" (Dale Solomon) is still holding court. However, continued success for the Gobblers may depend on increased productivity from the guards, and there sure is good reason to expect just such an occurence, since the guard cupboard is chock full of goodies. The 80-81 Hokies will again challenge for the Metro-7 title in what looks like a wide-open race now that defending national champion Louisville has lost its ace, Darrell Griffith.

Memphis State (13-14)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

Why is coach Dana Kirk smiling? You'd smile too if you had all five starters returning and some good recruits to boot. Balance is the Tiger's byword. The frontcourt presents a formidable trio for opposing players to defend against. The man in the middle is 6-8 senior center Hank McDowell (10.1/7.5). He'll be flanked, at the forwards, by three yearas senior starter Dennis Isbell (11.3/6.6) and 6-4 junior Jeff Battle (7.9/3.1). Help, at the forwards, is available from 6-7 sophomore Tony Hubbard (0.6/1.0); 6-6 redshirted junior Garry Taylor and 6-8 JUCO transfer Johnie Gipson. Backup help in the pivot will come from 6-8 sophomore A. Maceo Battle (1.7/1.8) and 6-8 freshman redshirt Derrick Phillips.

While both starters return at guard, a ding-dong battle looms there for playing time. The incumbents are 6-1 junior Otis Jackson (12.1) and 6-2 senior Greg Moore (9.8). They'll be severely tested by a pair of incoming freshman -- 6-3 Phillip Haynes and 6-5 Bobby Parks -- who both won high school All-American laurels. Alson on hand at guard are a pair of sophomores -- 6-3 Joe Parker (2.1) and 6-2 Bubba Luckett (2.3).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Tigers certainly should be an improved outfit. The frontcourt, while not devastating, does its job well. The competition at guard will be something else and we think the scoring output there will improve greatly. Still the Tigers aren't in Louisville's class and the best that can be hoped for is a first division finish along with a solid winning campaign.

Tulane (10-17)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Green Wave lost four games by a single point last year -- but they also won three times by that margin. Coach Roy Danforth hasn't been able to breath easy and probably won't again this year unless the missing cohesion suddenly appears like magic. If that's to happen it will be on the shoulders of 6-6 sophomore forward Paul Thompson (15.0/8.2), last year's top scorer and rebounder. Thompson was voted the Metro's frosh of the year. The other forward spot belongs to 6-9 junior Micah Blunt (10.0/6.4) who's never quite lived up to expectations. Instant offense, from the bench, is available in 6-6 senior Clarence James (8.6/3.1).

The pivot spot will be shared by 7-0 sophomore Steve Carpenter (0.8/0.5), used sparingly as a yearling, and 6-7 senior Eric Dozier (7.0/4.5) who's a mite small for the middle. One guard slot figures to go to 6-4 junior Joe Holston (12.9), second best point producer last time around. The other outside spot was, and will probably again be shared by 6-2 senior Reggie McLaurin (3.0) and 6-2 junior Reggie Duke (1.3). The best of the newcomers is 6-2 guard Jim Elliott but he's not in the blue chip category.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Danforth's five year plan is entering the twilight zone with not much to show for it. He hasn't attracted the type of player he'd like, save for Thompson, and that means a struggle virtually every time the team takes to the court. The critical pivot post is sorely lacking in talent and the guards aren't the bullseye shooters needed. Another long season is in store for New Orleans folks and Danforth could be in big trouble.

Cincinnati (13-15)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

You have to go back almost 30 years to find the last time the Bearcats had two losing seasons in a row. But that's what happened the past two years and coach Ed Badger is about to put a stop to it. The biggest reason for the optimism is the acquisition of 6-4 freshman Brad Waller. A Chicago product, he pumped home a 33 point average last year in the prep ranks and can shoot the lights out from downtown. He'll replace graduated Eddie Lee; the only starter who picked up his diploma. 6-2, senior David Kennedy (10.5) will again claim the other guard post with 6-5 senior swingman Doug Schloemer (2.6) on hand to help out.

The center spot will be battled for by 6-8 senior David Duarte (9.5/6.2), who was academically ineligible the last half of the 79-80 season; and 6-10 freshman John Graves, an all-stater from Arizona. 6-3, junior Bobby Austin (14.6/4.5) is the top returning scorer and well ensconced at one forward. Jeff Bentley (4.2/2.9), a 6-4 senior, shared time at the other forward spot with 6-8 senior Clint Sutherland (3.4/4.0) and they'll be pushed by 6-5 incoming freshman Mark Dorris, a local Cincy product.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last season's lack of firepower will be turned around with the addition of Waller. But can he do it all? Duarte's return in the pivot is a plus as is Austin's steadying presence. But still more help is needed if the Bearcats hope to challenge for the title. We like the chances for a winning season but come NCAA tourney time, Cincinnati will be spectating, not participating.

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St. Louis (12-15)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Kudos are in order for Coach Ron Ekker, who has brought the Billiken cage program back from death's door in his three years at the helm. Granted, the Billikens have yet to reward their mentor with a winning record, and probably won't again this season since their schedule is a brutal one. But just the fact St. Louis is still playing basketball at the Division I level is a tribute to Ekker's dedication.

Sparking this year's club will be 6-2 senior guard David Burns (17.4), who set a school record with 127 assists last season. "David spearheads us," comments Coach Ekker, "he gives us the stability only an All-American can." Experienced candidates for the other backcourt spot are 6-4 Jeff Schneider (5.0) and 6-0 LaTodd Johnson (1.5), both of whom were part-time regulars as freshmen, while this year's frosh harvest yielded 6-4 swingman Darryl Anderson and 6-2 Tony Lawrence, both products of the St. Louis prep ranks. Lawrence was the top scorer in the city his final scholastic year, hitting for 27.5 ppg.

Trouble looms in the front line, however, where the lone returnee with much experience is 6-9 junior John Mueller (6.0/4.7). Other holdovers who saw limited action last season are 6-8 sophomore Paul Woerner (1.0/1.1), 6-5 sophomore Monte Poole (1.0/2.0) and 6-5 junior Dick Missavage (0.3/0.2), with 6-7 sophomore Gary Kerkemeyer returning after red-shirting due to injury a year ago. Two frosh recruits with good promise are 6-7 Leon van Hook, an all-Chicago prep selection, and 6-7 Willie Becton, an all-stater from Memphis, Tennessee, and coming in via the JUCO route is 6-8 Craig Thomas.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Ron Ekker serves as Athletic Director as well as basketball coach of the Billikens, and as we mentioned at the outset, he's done a fine job in that dual capacity. The Billikens have perhaps the Metro's premier guard in Burns, and he has some talented backcourt buddies, but the front line is awfully inexperienced. That's also the reason we feel St. Louis will fall short of a winning record again in 80-81.

Southwest Conf.

Arkansas (21-8)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Razorbacks came within a duece, losing a 52-50 encounter to A & M in the SWC playoff finals, of winning it all last year. That was in a "rebuilding" campaign. Now coach Eddie Sutton has his eyes set on regaining the conference top spot his teams captured two and three years ago. And he just might make the climb back to the top.

The backcourt is keyed by 6-2 junior U.S. Reed (14.0). Ulysses (as he's not usually called) is a 55 per cent shooter who also crashes the boards quite nicely. the other guard spot was occupied by 6-5 junior Brad Friess (4.9) but he'll probably go to the bench or the frontcourt in favor of either 6-4 sophomore JUCO transfer Darrell Walker or 6-2 freshman recruit Ricky Norton, both exceptional talents. Also on hand at guard are 6-2 senior Keith Hilliard (4.1) and 6-4 senior Mike Young (5.9).

Last year's top point producer returns in the presence of 6-10 junior center Scott Hastings (16.2/6.7). He'll be backstopped by 6-7 sophomore Carey Kelly (3.9/1.6). To make room for the new guards, Friess may move to forward. If so, look for the other spot to be filled by 6-9 frosh recruit Craig Olson, a devastating point producer. Also on hand are 6-6 junior Greg Skulman (3.9/2.3); 6-6 sophomore Leroy Sutton (1.6/1.6); 6-6 junior Keith Peterson (1.6/2.1); 6-6 junior Tony Brown (3.1/1.4) and 6-8 sophomore Scott Horrell (0.9/0.4).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Razorbacks had far and away the best recruiting year of any SWC team. Couple the newcomers with the likes of Hastings and Reed and you have the makings of a champion. The race will be a dogfight but we won't be surprised in the least if the Hogs emerge victorious.

Texas A&M (26-8)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

Are you finally convinced, America? Like we told you in this same space one year ago, Coach Shelby Metcalf's Aggies were a "rising power" on the college basketball scene, and sure enough! The 79-80 Aggies copped the SWC crown in both regular-season and tournament play, then rolled to the third round of the NCAA Tourney's Midwest Regionals before running out of gas and losing in overtime (66-55) to eventual national champion Louisville. Duplicating that performance won't be easy with guards Dave Goff and David Britton graduated, because as Coach Metcalf so succinctly puts it: "We had the best pair of guards in the conference last year, and they aren't going to be easy to replace." Right enough, skipper, but the return of front line regulars Rudy Woods, Vernon Smith and Rynn Wright has to take that furrow out of your brow.

Center Woods (11.0/7.6), a 6-11 junior who needs only curb his foul tendencies, and senior forward Smith (14.8/7.5) were both All-SWC picks last season. Wright (14.1/7.1), a 6-6 senior who operates out of the other forward spot, is capable of making it an A&M front line sweep in 80-81. Good as that trio is, newcomer Maurice McDaniel (6-8 sophomore transfer from Florida University) will be hard to deny. McDaniel was the SEC's Freshman-of-the-Year two seasons back at Florida, and Coach Metcalf describes his potential this way: "I tell you, Maurice is something else. He can jump higher than Rudy (Woods) and if Rudy has a letdown it will be hard to keep Maurice on the bench." Supplying additional depth up front are 6-5 sophomore R.C. Buford, 6-9 sophomore Claude Riley, 6-7 sophomore Roy Jones and 6-8 freshman Ethan

Glass.

Lettermen hoping to fill the guard spots are 6-1 senior Tyrone Ladson (2.6), 6-0 senior Rob Wright (2.4), 6-3 sophomore Jay McHugh (2.1) and 6-3 junior Bruce Sooter (1.3), while also in the proceedings will be 6-2 freshman Reggie Roberts. "We may only use one guard if we can find a point guard to handle it all," comments Coach Metcalf. "Our ideal situation would be to have four big men and one guard on the floor ... Right now, I would say Tyrone (Ladson) is the leading candidate."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite the graduation loss of guards Goff and Britton, the Aggies rate as the team-to-beat in the SWC. The front line of Woods, Smith and Wright is one of the best in all of college basketball, and the addition of Florida transfer McDaniel just makes things that much better. Ladson has the ability to fill the "one guard" role, which should work out fine, so long as the Aggies don't run into any teams with strength and depth in the backcourt. This year's schedule is a softie in the early going, just what the doc ordered for A&M to make the necessary adjustments and get primed up for another run at league title honors.

Houston (14-14)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Cougars have not had a losing season in the last 21 years, yet came too close for veteran Coach Guy Lewis (in his 25th campaign) liking last season. Gone from that break-even team are three starters, yet the affable Lewis still anticipates a stronger team in 80-81. "We had more new people (six) last year than any year since I've been coaching. It was not a very experienced team. I think we will be better this year -- I definitely do. We're still young, with six newcomers again, but three have junior college experience."

One of last year's newcomers who played well beyond his years was 6-2 guard Rob Williams (16.3/127 assists), who was the SWC's concensus pick for Freshman-of-the-Year honors in 79-80. Backcourt partner Kenneth "Juice" Williams has gone on to the NBA, and to offset that loss the Cougars brought in three JC products -- 6-3 Eric Davis, 6-2 Lynden Rose (younger brother of former UH star Cecile Rose) and 6-1 Rodney Parker. The younger Rose brother shelled the nets for 28 ppg his final JC year, and he seems to have the best shot at starting opposite Williams.

The center spot was UH's biggest weakness last year, but Coach Lewis feels, "All the guys we had there with a year's experience should improve and do the job." The "guys" he refers to are 6-9 sophomore Larry Micheaux (5.7/4.3), 6-9 senior Darryl Brown (5.4/4.3), 6-7 junior Willie Porter (3.3/4.5) and 6-11 sophomore David Bunce (1.6/1.1). Also on hand this year will be bruising 6-7, 260-pound Leonard Mitchell, a member of the Cougar football team who returns after not playing basketball last season, and 7-0 freshman Dan Bunce, David's younger brother. Brown and Micheaux can also play forward, where the other returning veteran is 6-7 senior Abe Davis (2.1/2.3). Newcomers in this area are the freshmen duo of 6-6 Michael Young, Houston's prep Player-of-the-Year last season, and 6-6 Clyde Drexler.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year was an un-Lewis like season for the Cougars, as the venerable Cougar skipper almost saw his 21 years without a loser skein come to an end. The coming campaign will prove more enjoyable, and paced by brilliant soph guard Williams, Houston will make a determined run at winning its first-ever SWC roundball title. But the Aggies of Texas A&M and the Arkansas' Hogs will have something to say on that score.

Texas (20-11)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

If you're the type who likes riddles, or a good detective mystery, you'll find the Longhorns your kind of team. Because even normally ebullient Coach Abe Lemons is somewhat mum on the subject of this year's UT cagers, a youngish club that has plenty of unfulfilled potential, but no set time-table for when that promise will come to fruition. Perhaps it will be this season, perhaps not, depending on how well Lemons blends the leftovers from last year's NIT squad with a group of six newcomers.

Foremost of the holdovers, and a budding all-star, is 6-10 sophomore center LaSalle Thompson (12.8/9.7), top rebounder in the SWC as a frosh with a 10.8 reebie average in league games. Thompson must, however, overcome his in-and-out tendencies if he is to develop into a truly dominant pivot man. Graduation claimed both starting forwards, and 1-2 scorers Ron Baxter and John Danks, so the corners will have an all new look. Lettermen in the running for those berths are 6-6 junior Ken Montgomery (7.3/1.9) and 6-8 junior forward/center Rob Cunningham (0.8/2.7), while the Longhorns also brought in a quartet of newcomers -- JUCO transfers Daryl Bushrod, 6-7, Louie Graves, 6-5, and Virdell Howland, 6-6, plus 6-8 freshman Mike Wacker. Yearling Wacker, from San Marcos High, was rated by many as the premier prep roundballer in the state of Texas last year.

One backcourt spot will again be filled by 6-1 sophomore Fred Carson (5.5), second best assist man in the SWC last season with 131. The other guard will be 6-6 junior swingman Henry Johnson (9.3), provided he gets his grades up to par in summer school. If not, the assignment will go to one of two smallish freshman signees, 5-10 Ray Harper or 5-9 Bobby Harris. Harper, from Bremen High in Kentucky, pumped in 35 ppg his last prep year, 3,033 points during his career.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Lemons' four years in Austin have been marked by consistent success, including two SWC co-championships and the 1978 NIT title. More question marks than usual surround the 80-81 Longhorns, such as the academic status of guard/forward Johnson and the continued development of young pivot Thompson. A rugged pre-SWC slate (DePaul, South Carolina, USC, Long Beach State) will be the tip-off to what this club is capable of, and to us, UT-Austin looks strong enough again to finish in their league's first division, although it will require a 110 percent effort all the way for that to come about.

Texas Tech (16-13)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

For Coach Gerald Myers of the Raiders, last year's 16 wins were the fewest since he took over in 1971-72, a span that has seen Tech go to the NCAA tournament twice and to the NIT once. Buoyed by what he terms "a highly successful" recruiting effort, however, Coach Myers looks for marked improvement from his 80-81 team, which also numbers a trio of holdover regulars from last season.

In terms of scoring, the Raider kingpin is 6-4 junior guard Jeff Taylor (13.4), No. 1 in that department last year, as well as the team leader in steals and blocked shots. In all likelihood, his starting backcourt partner will be 5-10 freshman Bubba Jennings, a scholastic All-America from Clovis, New Mexico who pumped in 33.8 ppg and averaged 5.7 assists his final prep year. "Bubba is an all-around point guard," states Coach Myers, "He'll give us a new dimension on our team." Experienced reserves on the backline are 5-10 senior Dwight Williams, 6-1 junior Steve Smith and 6-2 sophomore Nelson Franse.

Pivot duties will once again be handled by 6-8 senior Ralph Brewster, who led the Raiders in reebs last season and rammed home 33 dunk shots. Reserve centers are 6-8 senior Leslie Nichols and 6-8 JUCO transfer Rick Guy, who will also see forward duty. Ben Hill, a 6-6 senior, is back at his customary forward spot after shooting 59% from the floor a year ago, while vying for the starting nod opposite him are 6-5 soph letterman Joe Washington and 6-6 JUCO import Clarence Swannegan, a rugged 220-pounder Coach Myers calls: "Just a bull inside."

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Myers, a star player for the Raiders back in the fifties, has done an excellent job almost every year since he took charge of his alma mater's cage program 11 years ago. Last season was one of those rare exceptions. The 80-81 campaign should witness a resurgence by Tech, but given the overall strength that is prevelant in the SWC, improving on last year's fourth place finish (tie with Houston) will require very large contributions from returnees and newcomers alike.

Baylor (11-16)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Put a cape on him, and the Bears' Terry Teagle could pass for Superman in basketball shorts. You know, over tall buildings in a single bound, faster than a speeding bullet, and

all that jazz. "He's the finest player in the league," says opposing coach Eddie Sutton of Arkansas, "I'd say he's ahead of the pace Sidney Moncrief (recent Hogs' All-America) set for us." That is some lofty praise!

Teagle (23.0/8.2), a 6-5 junior, is worthy of it after last season leading the SWC in scoring, in addition to being named the league's Player-of-the-Year. Starting at the forward spot opposite Teagle again is 6-4 sophomore Jay Shakir (6.4/3.7), while back-up strength in the corners will come from 6-5 senior Mike Battle (8.1/5.1) and 6-5 junior Andy Sears (5.0/3.0), both of whom started at times last season, along with a pair of JUCO transfers with the muscle to strengthen the inside game -- 6-8, 230-pound Ozell Hall and 6-6 Joe Copeland. Veteran pivot men on hand are 6-8 junior Charlie Jackson (2.3/2.5) and 6-7 sophomore James Bailey (2.8/2.2), but they could lose out to 6-10 JUCO import Tommy Temaat.

Answering the opening whistle in the backcourt once more will be 6-3 senior Pat Nunley (12.3), a defensive ace who came of age as a shooter last season, and 6-3 senior Mike Little (3.6/89 assists). Best of the other holdover guards is 6-1 sophomore Chuck Lincoln (1.9), and the Bears also acquired the services of mighty-mite Ronnie Blake, 5-6, from Kilgore, Texas, Junior College.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Despite the presence of the super-talented Teagle, the Bears slipped to 11-16 last season, when they were hampered by lack of a dominant big man inside. Coach Haller feels the addition of JCs Hall, Copeland and Temaat will rectify that problem, while at the same time making life easier (as in, less pounding) for ace Teagle. The backcourt has experience and depth, and there's really not much more you could ask for. This year's Bears will climb back above .500 and have a good shot at shoving their way into the SWC's first division. But title aspirations appear to be little more than wishful thinking with the likes of Texas A&M and Houston to contend with.

SMU (16-12)

Starters Returning - 1 **Schedule - Avg.**

New Mustang skipper Dave Bliss, who arrives after a successful five-year stint at Oklahoma, has very definite ideas about how the game of basketball should be coached and played. So much so, in fact, that sometimes Bliss sounds more like one of those Motivational Salesmen than a cage mentor at a major university. "Our immediate ambition is to give the team self-image that is built on intense pride in performance and based on the energy of a greater work capacity. The other goals follow quite naturally from there."

One player Bliss inherits who needs no introduction to "greater work capacity" is 6-2 sophomore guard Dave Piehler (13.9), No. 2 scorer and the SWC's Newcomer-of-the-Year last season. But, alas, Piehler is the lone returning starter from the 79-80 club. His new backcourt partner will be either 6-4 senior swingman Gordon Welch (2.3), 6-0 junior Keith Beverly (2.2), 6-0 freshman Dave Gadis or 6-4 freshman David Eicher. Gadis, from Indianapolis, Indiana's Pike High averaged 25 points and nine assists his final prep campaign on his way to being named to the Indiana all-star team that played similar aggregations from Kentucky and Minnesota.

The front line must be rebuilt from scratch, with lettermen in the running for two of the three vacancies being 6-7 junior Johnnie James (5.8/5.2) and 6-8 senior Mark Hollmann (3.9/2.3). Freshman additions in this area are 6-7 Kirk Lundblade, 6-8 Kolin Page, 6-7 John Briggs, 6-7 Mark Langkamp and 6-6 John Addison. Most touted of that quartet is Plano, Texas native Lundblade, an all-state pick last year (25 ppg) who paced his team to runner-up status in the state Class AAAA championship tournament.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Mustangs had SWC title aspirations, but no such lofty goals in their first season under Dave Bliss. On the contrary, with only one starter (guard Piehler) back in camp, SMU will probably be glad to settle for another winning mark. And even that would be reason to celebrate, since the SWC as a whole is getting tougher, and the Mustangs are regrouping. Plug all that into the computer, and the print-out says the 80-81 SMU cagers will lose more than they win, and at least for the time being, settle for a second division league finish.

Rice (7-19)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Frank Sinatra's immortal rendition of "I Did It My Way" would make the perfect theme song for Coach Mike Shuler of the Owls. Because for the first time since Shuler took the reins four years ago, all the players are his own personal recruits, and the Rice cage mentor comments: "We feel that this will be the year the Owls return to prominence in the Southwest Conference."

The biggest contribution will come from 6-5 junior forward Ricky Pierce (19.2/8.2), an All-SWC pick last season and Newcomer-of-the-Year after transferring from the JUCO ranks. Back with him in the starting front line are 6-9 sophomore foward Kenny Austin (10.8/6.4) and 6-8 sophomore center Robert Shaw (7.3/3.9). Support for that trio will come from 6-8 junior Glen Rieke (3.6/2.0), 6-5 sophomore Donald Bennett (2.9/2.0) and 6-5 freshman swingman John Witten from Floyd Knobs, Indiana.

Another Indiana prep product, 6-2 Teddy Johnson (Indianapolis), will join with fellow 6-2 freshman Tyrone Washington (Key West, Florida) to strengthen the backcourt. Holdover regulars out front are 6-5 junior Bobby Tudor (11.8), who has started every game since coming to Rice, and 5-10 senior Tony DeCello (5.9/117 assists). Other tested backliners are 6-2 junior Willis Wilson (1.5) and 6-3 sophomore Lindsey Stewart (0.3), son of Missouri U. head coach Norm Stewart.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coming off their best season in years, the Owls are primed to soar even higher in the SWC, and it looks to us as though Coach Shuler's team can do exactly that. However, this is still a young team with only one senior (guard DeCello) on the roster, so while the Owls could move up a notch or two in the league standings, the "best" for Rice seems a year or two down the road.

TCU (7-19)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Every college basketball coach has a pretty good idea what his team needs most when recruiting time rolls around, and TCU's Jim Killingsworth is no different. "Our top two priorities were getting a power forward and a center." Enter, freshman Gilbert Collier, 6-8 pivot man from traditional power Dunbar High in Fort Worth, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania's 6-6 Derek Moore, described by the prestigious B/C Scouting Service this way: "A 220-pound animal (who) plays the physical game. Jumps to the sky -- rebounds and rejects his game plan." Gee, fellas, GAMEPLAN MAGAZINES thanks you for the unintended "plug."

Collier and Moore should have an immediate impact in a front line that has only two known commodities, 6-5 senior Deckery Johnson (13.9/5.0) and 6-9 senior Larry Frevert (4.5/4.7). They are the returning regulars at, as the Horned Frogs term the positions, high post and low post, respectively. The holdover starter at the "wing" (small forward/big guard) spot is 6-5 junior Eric Summers (11.8/4.4), more of a shooter than a board man. Other front court prospects are 6-7 sophomore Nick Cucinella (2.2/1.6) and, most notably, 6-6 junior Phil Barner, a transfer from Oregon where he was a two-year regular and top scorer his frosh campaign.

TCU's trump card at guard is 6-2 sophomore Darrell Browder (10.3/117 assists), a member of last year's SWC All-Freshman team. Going back to the wing (i.e., big guard) position, Summers is the regular again, as was previously noted, and he gets support from 6-4 sophomore Jeff Baker (2.8), 6-3 sophomore Warren Bridges (4.5) and 6-2 sophomore Kenny Hart (1.4).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Horned Frogs will find out early if their recruiting efforts filled the bill, as TCU's pre-SWC schedule lists road trips to Notre Dame, Illinois and the Nevada-Las Vegas Invitational Tournament. The front line should be a mite stronger in so far as rebounding is concerned, but a strong inside scoring threat must emerge. Backcourt play will revolve around soph Browder, who has take-charge ability, but once again, a reliable outside shooter is needed. There can be no question that the Horned Frogs are on the right track as they enter year two of the Jim Killingsworth Era, yet thoughts of a winning record or first-division SWC finish are little more than fanciful (and fruitless) thoughts in regard to the coming season.

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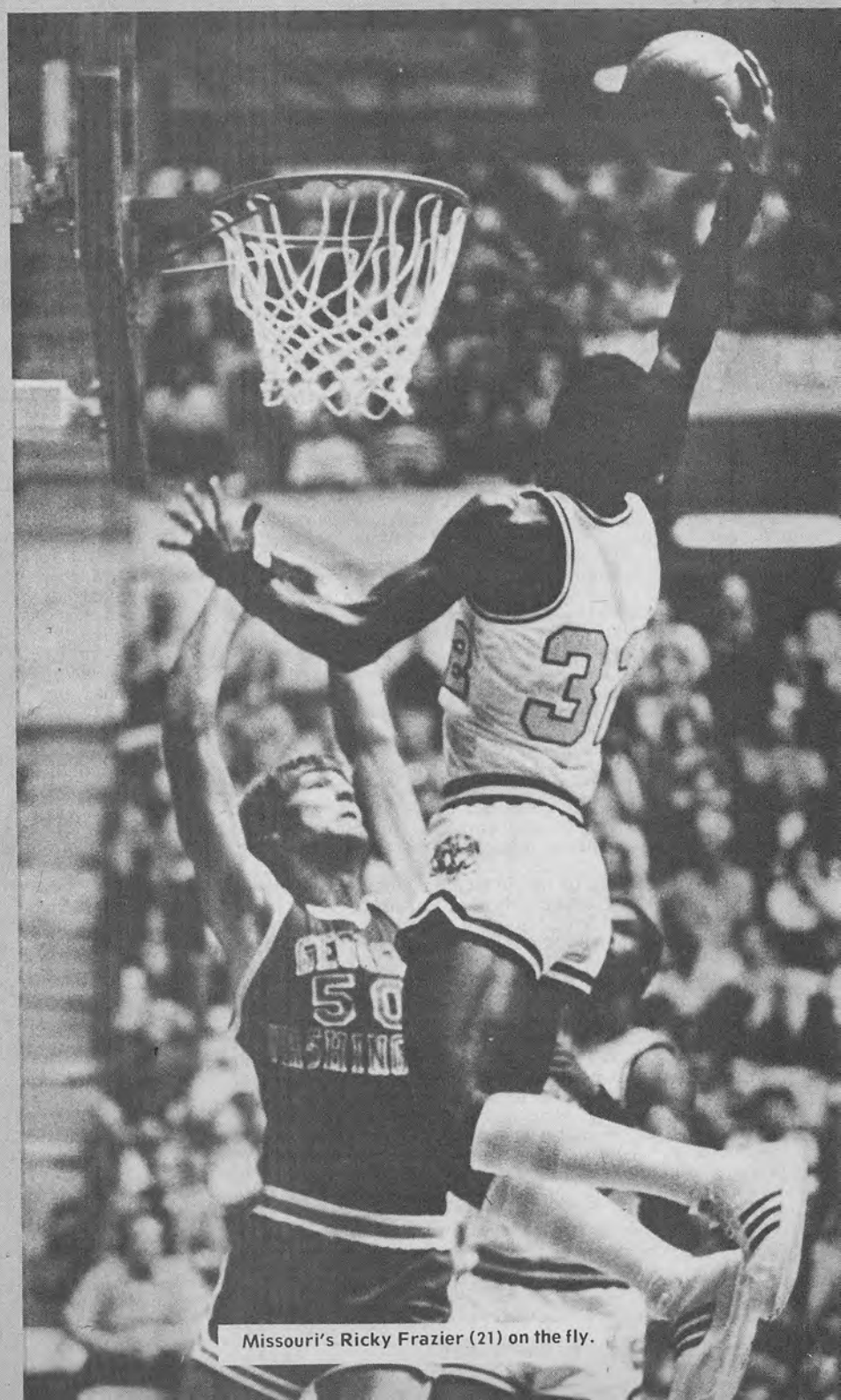

Missouri's Ricky Frazier (21) on the fly.

Missouri (25-6)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Tigers set an NCAA all-time record last year when, as a team, they ripped the cords at an astounding 57.2 percentage. That kind of shooting led them to the regular season Big-8 title and an NCAA berth where they upended Notre Dame before falling prey to L.S.U. in Regional play. Four starters return and that makes them automatic favorites to again fly high.

Coach Norm Steward has All-conference 6-8 senior forward Curtis Berry (14.4/7.5) back in the fold. He played hurt last year and is now in fine shape. The other forward post belongs to 6-5 junior Ricky Frazier (13.8/5.6) who hit 64 per cent from the floor last season. But that figure only tied 6-6 junior Mark Dressler (9.2/3.7), Berry's replacement when the latter was hurting. Also on hand at forward is 6-9 senior Carl Amos (1.8/1.6). The best of the newcomers is 6-8 Ricky Johnson.

The pivot is well under control with 6-11 sophomore Steve Stipanovich (14.4/6.4) returning after earning second team all-conference honors as a yearling. He'll be backstopped by 6-10 soph Lex Drum who sat out last year but averaged 9.2 points and 4.8 reebies per game two season's ago. The backcourt will be headed by 6-2 sohomore Jon Sundvold (6.3). The other guard slot is wide open and we think it'll be a newcomer that will grab the brass ring from among 6-2 freshman Shawn Teague, 6-4 JUCO transfer Marvin McCrary and 6-4 frosh Ron Jones.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: In Stipanovich the Tigers have one of the better big men in collegiate circles. A healthy Berry is a plus and the newcomers at guard should fill the bill. We don't expect the once in a lifetime shooting that occured last year but do think this team will win the Big-8 title and secure a place in the top twenty.

Kansas (15-14)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Last year's Jayhawks were up and down more than a pogo stick, prompting veteran skipper Ted Owens to comment on the coming season thusly: "Obviously, one of our major objectives is to play with more consistency." Owens compared the 79-80 squad to the one he coached in 1973, which finished 8-18, then rebounded in '74 to advance all the way to the NCAA Tournament's Final Four. Will history repeat itself?

Maybe, since the Jayhawks return all the key cast members from last season, albeit a more mature group this time around. Best of that group, and a bonafide All-America candidate, is 6-2 senior guard Darnell Valentine (16.5/141 assists). Valentine, three times an All-Big Eight selection, played this past summer with the U.S. Olympic team that beat an NBA All-Star contingent in the Gold Medal Series. He's led KU in scoring, steals and assists the past three years. His backcourt partner will again be 6-6 junior Tony Guy (10.9/72 assists), and there's excellent depth at the guards in 6-6 sophomore Ricky Ross (11.7), No. 2 scorer as a frosh, and 6-5 senior Booty Neal (5.8). The lone recruit on the backline is 6-3 freshman Jeff Konek (East High, Wichita).

The new addition with the greatest promise is brawny 6-10, 240-pound junior Victor Mitchell, who had norms of 26.6 points and 13.6 rebounds last year at Amarillo, Texas, Junior College. Mitchell figures to take right over at the center spot, relegating 6-10 senior Art Housey (4.1/3.2) and 6-7 sophomore Kelly Knight (3.0/2.2) to splinter gathering roles as back-up pivot men. In the corners will be 6-8 senior John Crawford (7.9/4.8) and 6-7 junior David Magley (5.4/4.4), both hoping to rebound from up-and-down performances in 79-80. Magley got off to a slow start last season due to a shoulder injury but came on strong at the end, netting 60 of his 158-point total over the final five games. Reserve strength at the forwards will be a trifle thin unless 6-6 JUCO transfer Mark Summers and 6-8 freshman Brian Martin fit in quickly.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Owens has to be delighted about the situation in the KU backcourt, where Valentine is among the best guards in the nation and gets fine support from Guy, Ross and Neal. The front line picture? Not as clear, given the fact forwards Crawford and Magley are both coming off so-so years. However, if JC import Mitchell is all he's cracked up to be at center, the Jayhawks will be much stronger up front in terms of both scoring and rebounding prowess. A very rugged non-league slate will tax the ability of Coach Owens' cagers, but this team should hold its own against that rugged opposition and make much larger waves in the Big Eight title race.

Kansas State (22-9)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Coach Jack Hartman of the Wildcats, and just about every other cage mentor in the Big Eight, probably wishes he could push the calendar ahead three years. That way, Hartman and his coaching brethren would no longer have to contend with Missouri's 6-11 sophomore center Steve Stipanovich, who stands head and shoulders above the pivots in the league, and is the biggest reason the Tigers are favored to play "King of the Hill" again this season.

Among those Ole Mizzou will have the most trouble holding off are Coach Hartman's K-Staters. They return four regulars from last year's NCAA Tournament squad, which came within two points of upsetting eventual national champ Louisville (71-69) in second-round action. The Wildcats prime nominee for All-America honors is 6-6 senior guard Rolando Blackman (17.8/94 assists), a two-time all-league pick who played this summer for the U.S. Olympic cage squad that took four of six games from an NBA all-star team. He will get forecourt assistance from 6-0 junior Tim Jankovich (10.4) and 6-2 senior Fred Barton (4.0), both of whom are blessed with starting experience, along with two frosh recruits: 5-11 Steve Reid (all-stater from Dodge City High) and 6-3 Bill Mosier from Collinsville, Illinois. Reid is a jim-dandy point guard prospect selected as one of the top 100 prep seniors by "Coach and Athlete Magazine."

Front line play will be strong at the forward positions, with 6-7 junior Ed Nealy (9.8/8.7), top board man the past two years, and 6-6 junior Tyrone Adams (10.4/3.9) back for more starting duty. Supporting them will be 6-5 junior Manley Ray (4.7/3.6), 6-7 sophomore Eric Salter (1.3/1.0) and 6-7 JUCO product Randy Reed, an honorable mention JC All-America. And finally, we arrive at the pivot spot, where the Wildcats plan to start 6-10 sophomore Les Craft (3.5/2.3), keeping 6-11 junior Greg Prudhoe (3.4/2.5) in reserve.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Without much national fanfare, last year's Wildcats enjoyed a very fine season before getting nosed out by Louisville in the NCAAs. Coach Hartman welcomes back pretty much the same cast, augmented by frosh guard Steve Reid and transfer forward Randy Reed, so K-State has to be considered one of the "prime cuts" in Big Eight circles. And this club will have to be reckoned with by Missouri or anybody else who wants to wear the league crown!

Nebraska (18-13)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

At least on the surface, all the cards appeared to be stacked against last year's Huskers enjoying very much success. Their front line was one of the Big Eight's smallest, their backcourt relatively inexperienced, and worst of all, in November of '79 veteran Coach Joe Cipriano underwent surgery that incapacitated him for the duration of the campaign, thus turning the head coaching reins over to top assistant Moe Iba. And yet against all those odds, the Big Red tied for second in the league standings and even made a post-season NIT appearance.

With Cipriano hale-and-hearty again, and all five 79-80 regulars back, the Huskers head into this season as a bonafide league title contender. That "smallish" front line mentioned earlier is bulwarked by 6-7 senior center Andre Smith (19.4/8.1), a concensus All-Big Eight selection a year

ago who needs just 59 points to become the second highest career scorer in Husker history. Answering the opening whistle at the forward spots again will be 6-4 senior Tim West (11.5/4.2) and 6-5 junior Jerry Shoecraft (5.9/2.4). There's an outside chance Smith may switch to a forward position, provided one of a trio of king-sized pivot prospects can handle that assignment adequately -- 6-10 sophomore Lance Berwald (1.6/0.6), 7-0 sophomore Dave McFarlane (1.0/0.5) and 6-10 freshman Tom Drake. The only other new recruit besides frosh Drake is 6-6 JUCO transfer Claude Renfro.

Diminutive 5-9 junior Jack Moore (14.8), who handed out 145 assists last season, is set once more at the point guard spot, as is 6-0 senior Mike Naderer (6.3) at the opposite backcourt spot. Other holdovers out front with starting experience are 6-2 junior Ray Collins (5.3) and 6-2 sophomore Greg Downing (3.1), while sophomore lettermen giving this area exceptional depth are 6-0 Eric Williams (2.0) and 6-4 Chuck Anderson (1.8).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Huskers rose above numerous problems to land the school's second NIT bid in three years, proving once again that old adage about never judging a book by its cover. The 80-81 edition of Big Red cagers, buoyed by the return of all the key members of that rags-to-riches club, surely must be considered a Big Eight title threat. Andre Smith is one of the league's best front liners, and guard Moore leads a backcourt contingent that has outstanding depth. The absence of a dominant big man is the only weakness for Coach Cipriano's club, but not enough of a handicap to keep Nebraska from winning as many -- if not more -- games than a year ago, while playing a prominent role in the pitched battle for supremacy in the Big Eight.

Colorado (17-10)

Starters Returning - 1 **Schedule - Avg.**

Ironically enough, while CU's football team has fallen on hard times (3-8 last season), Coach Bill Blair's young, but very talented club is an up-and-coming power in the Big Eight cage world. Back from last year's squad, which logged the school's best hardwood record since the early 1970's, are four regulars, and when combined with a total of seven quality newcomers, it all points to the Buffaloes being one of the pre-season favorites to annex the league crown.

Orchestrating the whole show is 6-3 senior guard Jo Jo Hunter (14.9), a great clutch shooter who had five game-winning baskets last season. Graduation claimed three-year regular Toney Ellis, and the heir apparent to that spot is junior letterman Joe Washington (2.0), whose forte is defense. He'll get heavy pressure from a pair of heavily recruited freshman backcourters, 6-3 Jay Humphries and 6-5 swingman Russell Tearney. Humphries is a fine point guard prospect who helped his school (Inglewood, California) to a 29-0 record and #1 national ranking.

Colorado's front line could be the most formidable in the Big Eight, starting with three returnees who started the lion's share of the 79-80 campaign -- 6-8 senior center Craig Austin (12.2/5.3), 6-8 senior forward Brian Johnson (8.9/7.0) and 6-7 junior Jacques Tuz (6.8/2.8). Austin, however, will have to fend off the challenge of both 6-10 senior Joe Cooper, a transfer from Tulsa noted for his powerful inside game, and 6-10 freshman Freddie Bryant, a product of Detroit's Chadsey who had an amazing average of eight blocked shots per game his final prep year. New forward prospects are 6-5 senior Doug Worthington, a transfer from Western Texas Junior College via Canisius (NY), and a 6-7 frosh duo from California, John Wilkes (Los Angeles) and Vince Kelley (Inglewood).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Blair's resurgent Buffs turned the corner toward respectability last season, and figure to keep that momentum going during the coming campaign. Paced by backcourt standout Hunter, an all-star prospect who originally came to Colorado as a transfer from Maryland, the "Herd" from Boulder should thunder to another fine won-lost mark in 80-81, and in the process, play an even more prominent role in the wide-open battle for Big Eight title honors.

Oklahoma (15-12)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Sooners welcome aboard a new top kick in Billy Tubbs, who directed Lamar University to Southland Conference titles and the NCAA Tournament the past two years. Can Tubbs work the same kind of magic in his first season at the Big Red helm? Only if he can wave his wand and (poof!) produce replacements for three players who graduated after two years of regular duty: center Al Beal, forward Terry Stotts and guard Aaron Curry.

Most prominent of the returnees, and an all-league candidate, is 6-3 senior guard Raymond Whitley (13.1/118 assists), a starter for OU since the fifth game of his freshman year. Experienced bidders for the other backcourt assignment are 6-3 senior Bennie Goldwire (2.3) and 6-2 sophomore Bo Overton (3.1), with the newcomer contingent best represented by 6-2 JUCO transfer John Grammer and 6-4 freshman Todd Chambers.

All-league pivot man Beal, second to only Alvan Adams on OU's career rebounding list, will be sorely missed for his board work and shot rejections. Vying for center duties are undersized 6-7 junior Lester Pace (1.5/2.4), and a new recruit who fills the physical requirements better, 6-10, 250-pound Charles Jones out of McLennan, Texas, Community College. One forward spot will be manned again by 6-7 senior Steve Bajema (8.4/4.1), who led the Big Eight in free throw shooting accuracy last seasson by canning .889 percent of his charity tosses in league games. It's a guessing game as to who will fill Stotts' old forward spot, with those in the competition being a pair of lightly-used 79-80 lettermen, 6-9 senior Kyle Dodd (0.4/0.2) and 6-4 sophomore Chuck Barnett (1.8/0.2), along with frosh signees Randy Samuels, 6-6, and Lee Gibson, 6-6. Samuels, from Beaumont, Texas, Herbert High, was the moving force last year as his school won the state's class 3-A championship.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Sooners dropped to fourth place in the Big Eight last season after winning the league title (and an NCAA Tourney invite) two years ago. The departure of three regulars will make Coach Tubbs' first campaign in Norman a trying one, yet we are impressed enough with the new OU skipper's ability to expect another winning year for the Big Red, as well as a strong bid to finish in the league's first division.

Iowa State (11-16)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Back during their prime, the Beatles singing group had a song entitled "Helter Skelter," which unfortunately gained even more prominence as the unofficial theme song for Charles Manson and his lunatic-fringe followers. Helter skelter also seems to be the modus operandi for first-year ISU cage boss John Orr, who describes his plan of attack thusly: "All our players will have to play every position except center. The first two guys downcourt will be forwards, the last two downcourt will be guards."

The pivot spot has been reserved for 6-11 sophomore Ron Falenschek (3.0/2.5), who saw little more than mop-up duty behind NBA draftee Dean Uthoff last season. This year, Falenschek will get his official baptism since the Cyclones have nary another pivot man on their roster. Operating out of one corner again will be 6-6 junior Robert Estes (12.4/5.1), a regular since his freshman year. Squaring off in the tussle for the final spot up front are 6-6 senior Bill Buchanan (3.5/2.3), 6-6 junior John Kunnert (3.0/1.3), 6-9 sophomore Doug Jones (1.5/0.5) and 6-6 freshman Tony Rasheed, a two-time all-state selection from San Diego, California named to the Top Thirty squad of the B.C. All-Star Invitational basketball camp.

Depth of the experienced nature is more evident in the backcourt, where holdovers with starting time under their belts are 6-2 senior Jon Ness (6.5), 6-2 senior Charles Harris (6.1) and 5-9 senior Lefty Moore (5.7). Freshly minted guard prospects are 6-2 junior Malvin Warrick, a transfer from Purdue, along with a pair of freshmen, 6-0 Florida all-stater Terrance Allen, who bucketed 24 points an outing as a prep senior, and 6-3 Ron Harris (Chicago Heights, Illinois), named the Most Valuable Player in the Rich South all-star tournament.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cyclones finished 11-16 the past two years and a lowly seventh both times in the Big Eight standings. Their first campaign under Johnny Orr, for the past 13 years Michigan's hoop mentor, bodes more of the same. The graduation of center Uthoff, holder of the league's career rebounding record, plus No. 1 scorer Chuck Harmison

is just the tip of the iceberg. The rest, and the worst, is a beefed-up schedule that opens up against Vanderbilt and Drake, then later lists non-league tilts versus Southern Methodist, Creighton and Iowa. A back-breaking load, it appears, for a rebuilding Cyclone basketball team that is destined to fall well short of the .500 mark and finish once again in the lower reaches of the Big Eight standings.

Oklahoma State (10-17)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Cowboys lost their heart, soul and inspiration to graduation, which claimed high-scoring guard Eddie Odom, top rebounder Don Youman and ace defender Jon Moorehead. Yet Coach Paul Hansen is far from singing the blues, with comments like the following: "We're definitely going to be improved. I don't think we'll have as many all-stars, but we'll be better team players." The OSU skipper's optimism will be put to the test early, since this year's schedule has opening games versus Oral Roberts and defending national champ Louisville and, later on, appearances in the Utah Tournament and All-College Tourney

Strongest position for the Cowpokes will be point guard, where 6-3 senior Randy Wright (7.2/138 assists) returns for more full-time duty. Backing him up at that spot will be 6-2 senior brothers Dickey (1.9) and Houston (0.5) Nutt, and a pair imported from the JUCO ranks, 6-0 Eddie Hannon and 6-1 Kim Shahan, the latter not eligible until the second semester. Vying for Odom's old guard spot are 6-3 sophomore Matt Clark, a red-shirt last season due to injury, 6-3 sophomore Lorenza Andrews (5.0) and rangy 6-7 freshman Raymond Crenshaw, who will also see forward duty.

Veteran forwards are 6-6 junior Mark Connolly (7.0/5.8), 6-5 junior Ricky Jacobs (11.8/5.5) and 6-6 junior Craig Stunkel (1.4/1.1), all of whom started games last season, while new on the scene is 6-6 sophomore Tony Wilhite, a transfer from Miami (O.) who won't suit up until January. The quest continues for a reliable pivot man, a flaw at OSU for some years now, with those presently in the running being 6-7 sophomore Leroy Combs (9.1/5.5), out the second half of last season because of bad grades, 6-10 junior Brad Livingstone (2.1/2.0), 6-8 JUCO import Jon Phelps and 6-6 freshman John Chesley, a powerful 225-pounder who also plays tight end for the Cowboy football team.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Even the 1-2 punch of Odom (24.2 ppg) and Youman (17.0/9.1 rpg) wasn't enough to prevent last year's Cowboys from finishing last in the Big Eight. Coach Hansen's second campaign at the OSU helm promises to feature more defensive toughness and controlled offense, two weak points in 79-80, although even attaining those goals doesn't figure to be enough to keep the Cowboys out of the league's lower environs for another season.

The Valley

Bradley (23-10)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

Picked by many pre-season forecasters to be at, or very near the bottom of The Valley last year, Coach Dick Versace's late-charging Braves reeled off victories in 18 of their final 21 games to win a totally unexpected league crown. This season, only a fool would underestimate the Braves as they seek to defend that championship, their first since 1950, which also earned Coach Versace's 79-80 cagers their first NCAA Tournament invite in 25 years.

Bradley fans don't figure to have as long to wait again, since just about all the key players from last year's rags-to-riches team return for more action. Plus, the Braves brought in a trio of fine new prospects. They will all follow the lead of 6-8 junior forward Mitchell "J.J." Anderson (20.6/8.8), who last year became the first sophomore in school history to surpass 1,000 career points. At the other forward once more is smallish 6-4 senior Bobby Ford (8.7/5.2), who will feel pressure from a pair of highly-regarded 6-8 freshmen from Illinois, Larry Roby (Chicago) and Gus Mason (Peoria). Roby is a powerful inside player out of Chicago's Westinghouse High, a basketball factory whose recent grads have included DePaul's Mark Aguirre and Eddie Johnson of Illinois. In addition to forward duty, Roby may also be called on to relieve 6-9 junior center Donald Reese (9.0/6.8).

Out front, the "shooting guard" spot returns rangy 6-7 junior David Thirdkill (13.3), who can play equally well up front at forward. Sharing point guard duties again are 6-2 senior Eric Dunhart (1.3) and 6-0 senior Rick Malnati (1.5), neither much of a scoring threat, yet both good playmakers who had an aggregate 125 assists last season. The Braves also have an excellent "sixth man" in 6-2 senior Hasan Houston (9.9), while sophomore lettermen available are 6-4 Jeff Robinson (1.9) and 6-3 Eddie Matthews (1.2). Lastly, there's 6-3 JUCO import Barney Mines, ace playmaker last year for California's powerful Saddleback JC team.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Things have come full-cycle for the Braves, who this year rate as one of the MVC's pre-season title favorites. Silky-smooth forward Anderson and guard/forward Thirdkill are the main scoring weapons, and the addition of freshmen Roby and Mason has to benefit the inside game. Sixth man Houston supplies outside scoring punch off the bench. Bradley has all the ingredients to notch 20-plus wins again, while making a determined bid to extend their championship skein in The Valley, although Wichita State and West Texas State will be snapping at their heels once more.

Wichita State (17-12)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

If ever a team wanted to get a quick jump its the Shockers. They play their first eight games at home and they say there's nothin like good ole home cookin. With the entire starting quintet returning from last year's NIT team, there's plenty of optimism concerning the coming campaign. the strength of the outfit lies along the front line. In 6-8 sophomore Cliff Levingston (15.7/10.1) the Shockers have a player who can perform at either forward or center. There's also 6-11 sophomore Ozell Jones (7.0/5.0) on hand to take over the pivot. The other forward spot, when Levingston isn't at center, belongs to 6-9 sophomore Antoine Carr (15.2/5.9). Also on hand are 6-7 junior Jay Jackson (6.2/4.5) and 6-7 junior Eric Kuhn (1.9/1.0). Newcomers who figure to help are 6-7 Donnell Allen and 6-6 Carl Papke, both freshmen.

The backcourt last year was a bit troublesome for coach Gene Smithson but he's hoping his son Randy, (10.9) a 6-3 senior, will help smooth things out. 6-5 junior Mike Jones (8.6) will occupy the other guard slot. A JUCO import, 6-3 Tony Martin, will be an asset and 5-9 sophomore James Gibbs (0.9) hopes to see a bit more playing time.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Shocker front line is the best in the Valley and two of the top three are just sophomores. If the guard problem can be solved then this team will certainly have to be reckoned with in the title chase. We fully expect the Shockers to post a 20 win season and again be a post-season participant, probably of the NCAA variety.

W. Texas State (19-11)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

Last year's "Running Buffs" were one of the real surprise

teams in college basketball, rebounding from an 8-19 record in their first year under Coach Ken Edwards to finish tied for second in The Valley and earn an NIT bid. That, of course, puts pressure on them to repeat that performance this season, which is entirely possible if the Buffs do a little less "running" and a lot more "rebounding" after getting outboarded by an average of almost five per game in 79-80.

Complicating that is the loss via graduation of top rebounder George Sims, one of last year's regulars in the Buffs' three-forward scheme. Returning at the other two forwards are 6-7 senior Carl Johnson (8.8/6.7) and 6-5 junior Eurskine Robinson (9.1/4.3), while 6-6 senior Steve Ornalez (9.3/3.4) also has starting experience. The biggest man on the roster, 6-9 senior John Olsen (2.8/1.9), will swing between the low post and a forward spot. Newcomers up front include a pair of JUCO transfers, 6-5 Charles Bell and 6-6 Harvey Hale, in addition to 6-5 freshman Goliath Yeaggins.

The epitome of the "Running Buffs" is 5-9 senior point guard Terry Adolph (18.6/280 assists), team leader last season in scoring, feeds, steals and minutes played. "Terry is our coach on the floor," explains Edwards, "he runs our ballclub." The inside track at the other guard goes to 6-3 junior Eddie Harris (10.5), a part-time regular a year ago, although he'll be pressured by a pair of 79-80 red-shirts, 6-5 junior George Holt and 6-3 senior Dave Wilburn. Backstopping Adolph at the point will be 5-10 freshman Jerry Kersey, named the outstanding All-Around Athlete in the state of Colorado last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Sparked by the l'il magician, All-America guard candidate Adolph, the Buffs will run, run, run again this season. But the key to having "fun, fun, fun" is beefing up the team's inside game, in particular the rebounding aspect. Our opinion is that will be accomplished well enough for the Buffs to enjoy another fine campaign in 80-81, culminating in another first-division MVC finish and more than likely, a second straight post-season invitation.

Creighton (16-12)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

Consider that the Blue Jays lost four one point decisions and an additional game that went into overtime last year and still finished second in the Valley title hunt. Add to that the pleasant (for Creighton fans) fact that the entire team, save for one sub, returns intact. What you have is unbounding optimism over the coming campaign. The best of the returnees is 6-7 senior forward Kevin McKenna (16.5/4.4) who can really bomb 'em home from the perimeter. The other forward spot belongs to 6-7 senior George Morrow (12.7/10.0) who's the top board man on the squad. Still another senior, 6-9 Jim Honz, (13.8/7.0) a 59 per cent shooter, is the post man rounding out the veteran frontcourt. Additional help could come from 6-7 frosh recruit Alex Stivrins 6-8 junior holdover Kevin Ross (5.8/2,5).

The backcourt is a junior outfit with 6-4 Daryl Stovall (11.3) taking care of the scoring and 6-1 Chris Peterson (5.1) running the show. Also on hand at guard are 6-4 senior Paul Trieschman (3.3); 6-1 junior Jai Mahone (3.2); 6-5 sophomore Michael Johnson (3.0) and 6-4 freshman newcomer Tony Pruitt.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Jays didn't have a great recruiting year cause they don't need much help. The frontcourt of McKenna, Honz and Morrow is the best in the Valley and the guard situation is a fine complement to the tall timber. Coach Tom Apke has his sights set on the league crown and we think he'll achieve that goal along with a 20 plus win season and a trip to the NCAA playoffs.

Drake (15-12)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

When an athlete as good as, say, Romania's Nadia Comaneci performs, there's a natural tendency for other gymnasts to stop what they're doing and watch. Coach Bob Ortegel of the Bulldogs faces somewhat of a similar problem having brilliant All-America forward Lewis Lloyd on display. "Something we have to be careful of," explains Ortegel, "is not to spend given periods of time watching Lewis play. We can't win with him playing as well as he can and others not playing at all."

Last season, 6-6 senior Lloyd – fresh from the JUCO ranks – tossed in 30.2 ppg and hauled down 15.0 reebies per outing to rank second nationally in both categories. That made Lloyd the first player in 29 years to rank either first or second in scoring as well as rebounding. The Bulldogs will go again this year without a true center, and veterans figuring prominently in that three-forward look are 6-5 senior Eric Sampson (9.4/4.8), felled seven games into last season by a broken leg, 6-6 junior Tony Watson (8.2/4.7) and 6-7 senior Earl Banks (6.3/3.6). Watson, a strong inside player, shot a league-leading .603% from the field in 79-80 MVC games. Hoping to emulate Lloyd's jump from the JUCO ranks are 6-6 Donnie Earl (Merced, Calif. JC) and 6-7 Kevin Campbell (Coffeyville, Kan. JC).

The elder statesman in the backcourt is aptly nicknamed 6-4 senior "Pop" Wright (16.4), second highest scorer a year ago. Point guard duties will be shared again by 6-1 senior Jeff Hill (3.0/120 assists), 6-1 senior Ron Angell (5.4/101) and 6-1 sophomore Terry Youngbauer (2.9/62). Added in the latest recruiting effort were 6-4 JC product James Wiggins and 6-0 freshman Stephfon Butler, an excellent passer from Chicago's DuSable High.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: In spite of superstar Lloyd, last year's Bulldogs finished ahead of only Southern Illinois and Tulsa in The Valley standings. Still without a dominant big man, Coach Ortegel's forces will try and compensate with quickness, plus the outside shooting of guard Wright. And, of course, lots of Lewis Lloyd magic. A demanding schedule will make another winning record a task, but the Bulldogs should accomplish that, and could very well gnaw their way into the MVC's first division.

Tulsa (8-19)

Starters Returning - 1 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Golden Hurricane got more than just a coach when they signed on Nolan Richardson, who last year led 37-0 Western Texas Junior College to the national JC title. Tulsa also garnered in the process four of the key members from that Western Texas championship club. "Having four players and a coach from the same team puts us way ahead of any program which starts fresh with a new coach," Richardson so rightly puts it.

One veteran TU player who doesn't figure to yield to anyone is 6-6 senior forward Bob Stephenson (15.7/9.8), a second-team All-MVC pick last season. Also returning with letterwinning credentials are 6-10 junior Ed Lindbald (3.0/2.3) and 6-7 senior Jeff Kovach (1.9/1.2). Two Western Texas JC alums who headline the incoming contingent are 6-9 Greg Stewart and 6-7 David Brown, while a pair of freshmen also in the running are 6-10 Bruce Vanley (Phoenix, Ariz.) and 6-4 Brad Laraba (El Paso, Texas).

The second half of the Western Texas talent flood, 6-5 Paul Pressey and 6-4 Phil Spradling, could well start at the guard spots. Pressey, a do-everything type with excitement in every move, could be the hottest JC item to hit the MVC since Drake's Lewis Lloyd exploded on the scene last year. The holdover backcourters from the Jim King era are 6-3 sophomore Ty Nillson (1.9), who started 11 games as a frosh, and 6-3 senior Jim Lacey (2.3), with the Nolan Richardson pipeline producing 6-0 transfer Mike Anderson (Jefferson State, Alabama, Junior College), the leader of last year's runner-up team to Western Texas in the national JUCO tourney, and 6-0 home-town product Johnny Cravens, a freshman out of Tulsa's McLain High.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It will most certainly take a program guide to figure out the make up of this year's Golden Hurricane, especially when it comes to identifying the starting five. Of the holdovers, only forward Stephenson is expected to play more than bit parts in Nolan Richardson's first campaign, but what did you expect after Tulsa's five-year losing streak! The potential of the newcomers is such that most, particularly the JUCO imports, will make immediate contributions, yet they still may not be quite enough to get Tulsa out of The Valley's second division. A better record -- yes. First division status -- no.

Indiana State (16-11)

Starters Returning - 1 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Sycamores found out what playing without Larry Bird

was like last year and still managed a respectable season. Now its completely back to the drawing board for head coach Bill Hodges. Playmaker supreme Steve Reed (12.0), a 6-2 senior who dished out 149 assists last season, is the lone regular returning to action. The other guard slot, formerly occupied by 26 point per game producer Carl Nicks, is wide open. Lester Wright, a 6-4 JUCO transfer could fill the bill there. A pair of freshmen, 6-1 Reggie Golden and 5-11 Steve Miller will also vye for backcourt duty as will 6-6 JUCO swingman Robert McField.

McField could get time up front and will battle a pair of 6-8 freshmen, Mark Golden and Kevin Thompson, for playing time at forward. The best bet to step in at center is 6-9 sophomore Bill Bender. He was redshirted last year after transferring from Western Michigan.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Sycamore program has always been strong but Hodges' talents will be tested to the hilt this year. Reed is truly the only proven performer on the team. The new faces will have to produce right away and, while the raw talent appears on hand, the cohesion will be missing. That indicates a final log around the break even mark and no Valley crown in sight.

So. Illinois (9-17)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

For want of only a solid pivot man, last year's Salukis slipped to last place (tied with Tulsa) in The Valley standings. Not so the case this season it appears, since SIU has not one, but two newcomers cut from the classic center mold -- 6-11 JUCO product Rod Camp and 6-10 freshman Vincent Wiggins.

Camp actually came to the Salukis last year, but didn't play a single game, and the former Washington, D.C. Mackin High star retains junior eligibility. Frosh Wiggins, an All-NY City prep standout from Brooklyn's Lafayette High, is one of the top rated yearling pivots in college ball. Leading 79-80 scorer Barry Smith (17.3) has departed via graduation, although returning at the other forward is 6-7 senior Charles Moore (8.0/6.2), who tied for No. 1 in rebounding last season.

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Also holding over up front are 6-6 sophomore Charles Nance (8.4/5.0), a starter in 15 games his frosh year, 6-9 junior Edward Thomas (5.6/3.2), 6-7 soph Karl Morris (4.3/2.5) and 6-8 soph David Youngblood (1.6/1.7).

Graduation carried off ace backcourter Wayne Abrams, second in scoring and first in assists last season. However, the Salukis do welcome back a quartet of guards who started at one time or another in 79-80: 6-5 junior Scott Russ (6.7), 6-4 sophomore Darnall Jones (3.7), 6-2 junior Lawrence Stubblefield (2.7) and 6-0 soph Kent Payne (2.7). Incoming backliners are 6-1 freshman Rob Kirsner, teammate of center Wiggins at Brooklyn's Lafayette High, and 6-4 JUCO transfer Johnny Faine.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last season was one of the worst in SIU's long, and usually successful, basketball history. Getting back into the winning groove this time around depends to the largest degree on how much of an input the Salukis receive from their new centers, Camp and Wiggins, as well as finding an adequate replacement for three-year guard regular Abrams, an early NBA draft pick. SIU should be able to push their victory total into double figures this season, yet they still have the look of a second division team in the tough MVC.

New Mexico State (17-10)

Starters Returning - 1 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

This is gonna be some kind of rebuilding year for Coach Weldon Drew and the Aggies, minus the services of four players who accounted for 56 of last year's 78.7 ppg. In light of which NMSU can hardly be expected to match the 17 wins garnered during Coach Drew's first year at the helm.

The only returnees with starting experience are guards Jerome Akins (5.2), a 5-10 senior, and Ernest Patterson (5.6), 6-3 sophomore. Freshly minted backcourters come in two varieties, either JUCO products (6-6 Paul Atkins and 6-4 Rich Taylor) or freshmen (6-4 Steve Colter and 6-0 Ernest Padilla). Atkins was a JC All-America last year at Henderson County Community College, while Coach Drew describes frosh Colter as: "A complete player with unlimited potential because he is still growing and maturing."

Another former JUCO All-America, 6-7 Jaime Pena (Lon Moris JC), is the prize catch in the front line. Other new additions are Indepence, Kansas, JC product Leroy Riley, 6-6, and 6-10 freshman Greg Metzo. Of the holdover front courters the Aggies are most enthused about the promise of the 6-7 sophomore forward tandem of Frank Rodriguez (2.9/1.6) and Derek Sailors (4.5/2.4).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's back to square one for the Aggies, regrouping after extensive graduation losses, particularly in the front line. Compounding matters is a very tough schedule that could well lead to NMSU reversing last year's 17-10 mark.

Others

Oklahoma City (13-15)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

If you like your basketball tournament style then you should travel with the Chiefs this year. They have dates booked in the Metro Classic in Memphis; the Shocker Classic in Whichita; the Rebel Round-Up in Las Vegas and their own All-College Tourney in Oklahoma City. They also have four starters back but will sorely miss the fifth – all-time career scorer Ernie Hill. The Chiefs will employ a running, pressing, high scoring scheme with 6-6 junior forward Rubin Jackson (21.2/7.8) leading the way. The other forward spot belongs to 6-5 senior Harold Jones (7.2/4.7) with 6-9 senior Rusty Davis (6.9/5.7) holding forth in the pivot. Additional help up front will come from 6-5 senior Bobby Chadick (2.7/1.8) along with 6-6 junior transfer Eddie Louie and 6-5 JUCO import Joe Mitchell. Alson hand is 6-8 junior redshirt (due to illness) David Will.

One of the guard slots is well stocked with the return of 6-6 sophomore Carl Henry (10.4). The other is wide open with holdovers like 6-1 senior Booker Washington (3.6) 6-3 senior Mike Jackson (3.7), and 6-3 senior Glenn Miller (4.8), hoping for duty. But it'll undoubtedly be a newcomer who fills the bill and there are several to choose from – 6-1 junior transfer Phil Doerfler, 6-3 JUCO product Eric Watkins and two freshmen; 5-9 Steve Henson and 6-3 Taurice Mallory.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Hill will be hard to replace but Rubin Jackson can find the hole quite well. More punch is needed from Davis in the middle and the backcourt had better come up with the second guard. This team won't win the league crown but will make things rough for the eventual title holder and a plus .500 campaign is a distinct possibility.

North Texas State (13-14)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

Coach Jim Blakeley apparently decided it was time to build for the future during the latter stages of the 79-80 season, so into the Mean Green's starting line-up went a quintet made up exclusively of sophomores and freshmen. And much to Coach Blakeley's delight, the youth-dominated squad responded by leading the Eagles to victories in five of their last six games.

Keeping that momentum going is one key to snapping NTS's string of two straight losing campaigns, as is finding a reliable pivot man, a rare species lately in this neck of the woods. Coach Blakeley is also determined that his team show major improvement at converting free throws, a contributing factor in several close 79-80 defeats. For instance, while 6-7 sophomore forward Kenneth Lyons (17.7/9.5) was a pillar of strength in most every respect as a frosh, he managed to sink only .619 percent of his charity tosses. Intent on finding a home at the other forward are 6-6 junior Mike Guon (1.9/1.5), the team's most accomplished defender, but similar notions are going through the minds of 6-7 JUCO transfer Dev Hamlin, 6-6 freshman John Gales and 6-5 frosh Javan Dupree, a swingman-type. Grappling for the center berth are 6-8 sophomore Tony Macalik (3.4/2.9), 6-8 senior Michael Taylor (2.6/2.3) and 6-8 sophomore Ben Rodgers, a 230-pound bulldozer from Ranger Junior College.

Sharing time at point guard again will be the sophomore duo of 6-0 Furmia Nealy (5.5) and 6-1 Pat Hicks (2.0), who ran a close 1-2 on the assists chart last season with 53 and 45 respectively. His apprenticeship having been served in two years of back-up roles, 6-3 junior David Vasher (7.3) seems ripe to pull full-time duty at the shooting guard spot, but not without resistance from 6-3 JUCO transfer Delonte Taylor, who played his freshman year at Texas Christian, and 5-10 freshman Wayne Johnson (Houston's Kashmere High). Johnson was the sparkplus (17 points, 10 assists per game) for the Kashmere team that won the state's Class 4-A championship last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With only one senior on this year's roster, it's blatantly obvious the Mean Green will have a youngish hue again. Forward Lyons, along with point guard alternates Nealy and Hicks are the most proven of the so-called veterans, but all three of them are just starting their sophomore years. Coach Blakeley's sixth edition of NTS Eagles will be exciting, no question about that, yet they must keep the mistakes of youth (like, missing so many free throws) down to a minimum.

Oral Roberts (18-10)

Starters Returning - 1 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Things have taken a 360-degree turn in Coach Ken Hayes' second year at ORU. When he took over last season, Hayes inherited a team heavy on experience, which culminated with 18-wins against what was regarded as one of the toughest schedules in college basketball. Now, however, Hayes will have to rebuild around youth since graduation claimed four starters who accounted for about two-thirds of last year's scoring. And worst of all, the 80-81 slate the Titans must face is another doozie!

The lone regular back is 5-10 junior guard Gary "Cat" Johnson (9.9/145 assists), a superb ball-handler who came into his own last season after an up-and-down frosh year. A quartet of lettermen hoping to nail down the other backcourt spot are 6-1 senior Steve Bontrager (6.2), 6-5 sophomore

Lance Williams (4.0), 6-0 junior Kalin Dahl (1.0) and 6-4 senior John Showman, a part-time regular two years ago waylaid by an injury in 79-80. Freshmen prospects with flashy prep credentials are 6-1 Dwight Givens (25.3 ppg at Wagoner, Oklahoma High) and 6-7 Jeff Acres (22.3 at Palos Verdes, California), one of that state's most sought-after prep players.

The front line lost a trio of good 'uns in 22.2 scorer Calvin Garrett, Antonio Martin and Ricky Baskin, and filling those large holes is critical to another winning year. At center, the chief applicants are 7-0 junior Tom Prusator, a transfer from Bradley, and 6-9 freshman Troy Hill, an all-stater from Pittsburgh, Kansas. The only veteran forward is 6-7 junior Gerald Johnson (1.9/1.7), making prospects good for a trio of newcomers -- 6-4 junior Reggie Clement, a transfer from New Mexico State, 6-6 freshman Lester Gill (Sanford, NC) and 6-6 Bobby Joe Singleton (Louisville, Ky.). Singleton, an all-state pick at Fairdale High, averaged 25.2 points and 14.3 reebs his senior prep year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It would take a small miracle for the Titans to match last year's good, against-formidable-opposition record. Is school founder Oral Roberts listening? "Cat" Johnson is an excellent point guard, but after that, prospects slip into the "maybe" category. No state to be in against a slate that lists Indiana, Kansas, Missouri, Georgia, Drake, Princeton, Tulane, Tulsa and so forth. In fact, in so far as the numbers game is concerned, the 80-81 Titans are in danger of reversing last year's 18-10 mark. Are you listening, Oral?

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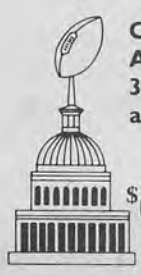

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UCLA (22-10)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

For the first time in a decade and a half the Bruins didn't win the PAC-10 title last year. In fact they barely finished in the first division (4th) and barely were chosen for the NCAA playoffs. But coach Larry Brown's cagers came of age in post-season action and surprised everyone by finishing second to Louisville. Kiki Vandeweghe and James Wilkes are gone from the frontcourt and those are two gigantic holes to be filled.

But miniscule (6-6) junior Mike Sanders (11.3/5.9) returns in the pivot. He'll be challenged by giant sized (7-3) JUCO transfer Mark Eaton which should prove interesting in preseason workouts. A pair of 6-7 sophomores, Cliff Pruitt (6.2/3.0) and Darren Daye (5.0/1.9) will step in at the forward spots after both saw plenty of duty in their yearling campaigns. Dean Sears,a 6-8 JUCO product, along with 6-4 junior Tony Anderson, will also see plenty of duty up front as will 6-8 incoming freshman sensation Kenny Fields.

The strength of this Bruin team, which is still a very young outfit, lies in the backcourt where sophomores Rod "The Rocket" Foster (11.5) and Michael Holton (5.1) hold forth. Foster, at 6-1, might be the quickest guard in the country. He's a great penetrator and excellent playmaker in addition to being able to find the iron. Incoming freshman Ralph Jackson will be called on for immediate help when its needed.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Vandeweghe will be missed the most but perhaps not as much as most folks think. Sanders plays like he's 6-9 and there's plenty of good talent at the forward spots. Nobody will be able to clamp the guards, defensively, especially Foster. Mark down March 1st's meeting, as home, with Oregon State, as the title deciding game in the PAC-10 and don't bet against the Bruins in that contest.

Oregon State (26-4)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Don't let anybody kid you! The Beavers were the "class" team in the Pac-10 last season, and had it not been for a shocking 81-77 loss to Lamar University in second round NCAA Tournament play, it might have been Coach Ralph Miller's club -- and not league rival UCLA -- that went to the Final Four in Indianapolis. And while there's no offense intended here to the Bruins, it sure would have been something to see how Louisville's "Doctors of Dunk-ology" would have fared against OSU's brilliant center Steve Johnson, who can give a few lessons of his own in the fine art of slam-jamming.

Johnson, a 6-10 senior and almost certain first round NBA draft pick next spring, dropped in 17.0 ppg last season with an astonishing .710 field goal shooting percentage. He also grabbed a team-high 6.8 reebs and rejected 30 shots, the kind of all-around great performance that has been pretty much routine since his arrival in Corvallis. At the forwards, the Beavers have a time-tested duo in 6-6 senior Jeff Stoutt (9.5/2.1) and 6-8 junior Rob Holbrook (7.8/3.7), both starters in the past. For proven back-up support, there's the letterman threesome of 6-8 senior Bill McShane (1.5/1.2), 6-7 sophomore Jamie Stangel (1.2/1.5) and 6-5 sophomore Danny Evans (0.6/0.8). Guess what, though? Not a one of those holdovers is likely to outstrip the "plum" of this year's recruiting harvest, 6-8 freshman Charles Sitton, regarded by many as the finest player to ever come out of Oregon prep circles. From a different locale, but also blessed with great raw talent, is fellow 6-8 frosh Jeff Wilson (Atlanta, Georgia's Marist High).

The Beavers are just as well-to-do in the backcourt, where 6-4 senior Ray Blume (15.4/136 assists) is the chief honcho after earning second-team All-America honors (Associated Press) last season. Blume's counterpart again will be 6-4 senior Mark Radford (11.9/100 assists), an unsung veteran who gets the job done without much fanfare. Reserves are a pair of 79-80 monogram winners, 6-1 sophomore William Brew (2.5) and 5-10 junior Andy McClouskey (0.3), who may pale in comparison to incoming prospects Lester Conner, a 6-4 transfer from Chabot JC in California, 6-1 freshman Raymond Lankford and 6-3 Alan Tait. Conner was looked upon as the finest "big guard" in the JUCO ranks last year, while Canadian import Tait (Richmond, British Columbia) is a sweet shooter who tossed in 32.8 ppg his final prep year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: For openers, the Beavers have not one, but two bonafide All-America prospects in center Johnson and guard Blume, the "glue" that holds this fine team together. Their supporting cast took on a brigher hue with the addition of frosh Sitton and JC product Conner, both of whom have too much talent to sit on the bench for long. Oregon State finished on top of the Pac-10 with a 16-2 league mark last season, yet stubbed their toes against unheralded Lamar early in the NCAA Tournament. The Beavers will be just as formidable in 80-81, and if we read this veteran team correctly, the Johnsons, Blumes and Radfords want to close out their collegiate careers in much better style.

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Arizona State (22-7)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

This year's Sun Devils, shooting for another NCAA Tournament appearance and the Pac-10 championship after finishing one game behind Oregon State in 79-80, may earn a new nickname -- The Iron Men. That's due to the fact once you get past the sixth man on the squad, the Sun Devils are an unknown commodity and especially in the front line, where top scorer and rebounder Kurt Nimphius has departed after reaping team MVP honors last season.

"We lost a lot with Kurt gone," ascertains veteran Coach Ned Wulk, "We won't be as big, or deep in the front line. It means Alton Lister and Sam Williams may have to play as much as 35-40 minutes a game." Center Lister (12.0/8.6/55 blocked shots), a 7-0 senior, should have the stamina for that after playing this past summer with the U.S. Olympic squad that won four of six games from a team of NBA stars. Starting with him again up front will be 6-8 senior forward Williams (12.4/6.0), a slam-dunk specialist who ranked among the Pac-10 leaders last season with a .583 field goal shooting percentage. The third regular in this area, Nimphius' replacement, could be 6-6 senior Johnny Nash (6.9/4.0) or 6-8 JUCO transfer Walt Stone, while others with varying degrees of experience are 6-6 sophomore Paul Williams (4.8/1.0), no relation to Sam, 6-6 sophomore Dale Cooke, a 79-80 red-shirt, 6-7 sophomore Brent Jones (1.4/1.4) and 6-6 sophomore Tom Kuyper (2.8/1.1).

The Sun Devils claim their backcourt may be the best in the West, and they won't get any argument from us on that score. The moving force at guard is 6-2 junior Lafayette "Fat" Lever (9.2), who last season ranked among the Pac-10 pacesetters in both assists (141) and steals (57). His sidekick again will be 6-4 sophomore Byron Scott (13.6), the highest scoring freshman in the league a year ago. When needed, they will get relief from 6-0 junior Pierre Bressant (1.1) and 6-2 freshman Jim Pollard, a point machine named Dayton, Ohio Player-of-the-Year as a prep senior, when he scin-

tillated for 36.1 ppg. Pollard was reportedly wooed by over 300 colleges before deciding on ASU.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Wulk's Iron Men may be a tad weaker up front with Nimphius, and his all-round versatilty missing, but not so much so the Sun Devils won't play a prominent role in the Pac-10 title race again. Seven-footer Lister is one of college ball's finest pivots, forward "Sam-the-Slam" Williams a strong inside player, backcourters "Fat" Lever and Scott a superbly balanced tandem. Another twenty-win season is in the cards for ASU, even if their schedule is a toughie, and this team has as good a shot as anyone (Oregon State and UCLA included) of annexing the Pac-10 hoop championship.

Southern Cal (12-15)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Keeping up with the Jones' family, as we all know, can be a treadmill proposition. But in Pac-10 country, the name-of-the-game is keeping up with the UCLA Bruins, a perennial power in these parts for so long they rank up there with death and taxes. Coach Stan Morrison knows that, after just one year at the USC helm, a campaign that saw the Trojans start out hot (11-3), then fade down the backstretch to finish in a three-way tie for sixth place in the league.

"Now that the transition to a new coach is over," Morrison comments, "we've got a blend of returning players and new recruits who will give us a foundation upon which to build a solid team." The Trojan skipper draws the most comfort from the healthy status of 6-7 senior forward Purvis Miller (16.4/9.0), top scorer and rebounder last season until torn knee ligaments shelved him for the final six games of the year. With Miller 100 percent again, he'll bulwark a front line that has lettermen returnees in 6-6 junior Maurice "Mo" Williams (7.3/3.4), 6-6 senior swingman Barry Brooks (5.6/2.9) and 6-6 sophomore James McDonald (5.1/3.9), who played extremely well filling in for Miller a year ago. The new forward prospects are 6-7 sophomore Mike Owens, a transfer from Penn State, and 6-5 freshman Ron Holmes (El Toro, California). By dint of no competition, along with tremendous potential, the regular center will be 6-10 freshman Clayton Olivier (Los Amigos High), a 29.5 ppg scorer his final prep campaign on brilliant 72% floor shooting.

Along the back line, the loss of #5 USC career scorer Don Carfino will hurt, at least until mid-January of '81, when 6-3 junior transfer Dwight Anderson (ex-Kentucky) becomes eligible. "Dwight is one of the most exciting players I've ever seen," Coach Morrison enthuses, "He has all the makings of true greatness." Until Anderson is able to suit up, guard duties will be handled by 6-2 sophomore Jacque Hill (6.2), a starter most of his frosh year, 6-1 junior George Ratkovich (red-shirted in 79-80 due to injury), 6-2 sophomore Rich Cottrell (0.8) and the freshman duo of 6-5 Cedric Bailey, New Orleans' Player-of-the-Year out of St. Augustine High, and 6-2 Jimmy Brown, son of former pro football great Jim Brown. Swingmen Brooks and McDonald will also see action out front, but the Trojan coaches will be chomping at the bit until that time when brilliant transfer Anderson becomes eligible.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: In his second year at the USC helm, Coach Morrison's objectives are two-fold: 1) Avoid last year's second half el-foldo, and; 2) Lay in the foundation for future succeses. The mid-January eligibility of guard phenom Anderson should go a long way toward attaining both of these goals, and putting him together with All-America forward candidate Miller will make USC a potent force down the 80-81 backstretch. But the "key" to Pac-10 title contention is staying within striking distance until that time.

Arizona (12-15)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

Much like a band leader, Coach Fred Snowden wants his charges to pick up the tempo this season, since the skipper feels that's the best way for this team to better last year's sixth place finish in the Pac-10. "We certainly have the personnel to run," Snowden comments, "but to do that we are going to have to rebound better than we have the past two years."

That stronger board game will have to come for the most part from returning players, since the Wildcats lone new front line recruit is 6-5 JUCO transfer Greg Cook. Holdover front courters who started most frequently last season are 6-6 senior Ron Davis (13.0/4.8), 6-10 sophomore Frank Smith (9.4/6.0) and 6-7 junior John Belobraydic (5.8/4.9), while 6-11 sophomore Dave Mosebar (3.1/2.4) figures to see extensive duty in the middle. Other forwards in camp, all of whom started at one time in the past, are 6-5 senior Robbie Dosty (1.9/1.7), 6-5 junior Donald Mellon (1.4/1.0) and 6-8 junior Charles Miller (1.2/0.4).

Running the Wildcat fast break to perfection will be 5-10 senior Russell Brown (5.1/200 assists), already the career assist leader for both Arizona and the Pac-10. Graduation carried off scoring leader Joe Nehls, and replacing his great outside shooting won't be easy. Speedy 6-4 senior John Smith (5.4) will get first crack at filling that vacancy, and the 'Cats also brought in three new backcourters -- 6-3 JUCO product Ricky Walker, 6-3 freshman Jeff Collins and 6-4 freshman Harvey Thompson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Arizona slipped from 4th to 6th in their second year of Pac-10 membership, so it's not hard to see why Coach Snowden wants to switch to more of an up-tempo game. But as the skipper himself noted, stronger rebounding is a must for a run-and-gun attack to work properly. And we honestly don't feel the board work will show the necessary amount of improvement. That, to us, indicates the Wildcats are in for another losing year, despite the presence of Russell Brown, possibly the finest playmaker in college basketball.

Oregon (10-17)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Ducks haven't fared well since Dick Harter flew back East two years ago and third year mentor Jim Haney, a Harter prodigy, is hoping for better things this season. He's got some solid players up front but the backcourt will be the telling factor in 80-81. Last year's top point man, 6-9 senior forward Mike Clark (11.3/6.5) heads up the board bangers. He'll again be joined by 6-8 junior Jerome Williams (10.4/6.9), last year's top carom grabber. The improvement of 7-0 sophomore center Ron Burns (7.5/3.6) will be of major importance. He's got the height but needs to become more aggressive in his style of play. Also on hand is 6-7 sophomore Ray Whiting (8.6/6.0), a real comer who saw plenty of action last year, along with 6-7 junior John Greig (5.3/3.7).

One of last year's guards, 6-4 senior Felton Sealey (7.7), returns for more regular duty. Another, 5-9 junior Richard Wright (7.2) also will get plenty of court time. But a pair of newcomers -- 6-3 Fred Colfield and 6-4 John Chetham -- both freshmen, may just push the upper classmen to the bench before the season is too far along.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Ducks are trying to play transition basketball without the backcourt people to run that kind of show. It'll be up to the newcomers to take charge and we're not sure they have the ability to do that. And unless Burns shows a quantum leap in toughness it'll be another long season in Eugene and a second division finish in the PAC-10.

California (8-19)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

It's sometimes said you have to go to the bottom first in order to reach the top, and third-year Golden Bear skipper Dick Kuchen hopes that rule applies to his team. Dead last in the Pac-10 with a 3-15 league mark last season, Cal-Berkeley's cagers hope to make that upward turn this year, and well they could considering the new talent they have coming on board.

Most prominent of those newcomers is 6-10 junior center Mark McNamara, a transfer from Santa Clara, where he was WCAC Freshman-of-the-Year in 77-78. His presence in the middle will allow 6-11 sophomore Michael Pitts (13.1/7.3) to move into the big forward role. Battling over the other forward spot are 6-6 senior Kevin Singleton, Cal's leading scorer two years ago laid up last season by a knee injury, 6-7 sophomore Darrell Haley (4.9/3.8) and 6-7 freshman Sam Potter (from Carson High in Los Angeles). Potter won the LA City scoring title last year with 30.5 ppg. John Ritchie (2.4/1.5), a 6-9 sophomore letterman, and 6-4 JUCO transfer Tom Lord round out the front line cast.

On the backline, point guard duties will again be in the quick-silver hands of 5-9 sophomore Michael Chavez (11.9/88 assists), with support from 6-1 junior Kevin Sparks (1.6). The "big guard" role will be filled by either 6-3 JUCO import Wes Howell or 6-2 freshman Butch Hays, while there's also a chance forward Kevin Singleton will fit in here because of his surprising quickness and ball handling for a player who stands 6-6.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Kuchen is confident the newcomers now available, and the return of Singleton (who played in only one game last season) will give his team the depth needed to move up in the rugged Pac-10. Cal's front line should be much improved, led by the tall-timber duo of Santa Clara transfer McNamara and soph Pitts, while pint-sized Chavez runs the team as well as any point guard on the Coast. We are truly impressed with the rebuilding efforts of Dick Kuchen in his three years at Cal-Berkeley, and feel the Golden Bears could even challenge for first division honors in the Pac-10 this season.

Washington (18-10)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

Marv Harshman's 10-year stint as Husky hoop leader reads like one of those graph charts you see in business offices. Up for a while, then down a bit, followed by another peak, and so on. Last season was an "upper" all the way for Harshman's team, good enough to earn an NIT bid, even if that post-season action was cut short in a first-round loss (93-73) to the Runnin' Rebs from Nevada-Las Vegas. However, graduation did a hellish number on the Huskies, claiming regulars Stan Walker, James Woods and Lorenzo Romar, and worst of all, seven-foot center Petur Gudmundsson has announced he won't return for his senior year.

The center role will probably be filled by 6-11 JUCO transfer Greg Wiltjer, a Canadian native who played one year at North Idaha JC. "Wiltjer was our No. 1 choice as a center recruit," says Coach Harshman. "I have no qualms that he can come in and start for us." At forward, the veteran contingent is led by 6-7 senior Andra Griffin (10.9/4.1), 6-8 junior Dan Caldwell (6.7/4.7) and 6-6 junior Kenny Lyles, the latter returning after sitting out the 79-80 action due to injury. In addition to JUCO import Wiltjer, the Huskies also picked up front line help in 6-6 freshman Randy Worster, an all-state selection and Class AAA Tournament MVP for Oregon's state champion Corvallis High.

Bob Fronk (11.0), a 6-4 senior who set a school record with .601 percent field goal shooting last season, is entrenched once more at the shooting guard spot. Lorenzo Romar's point guard duties could fall to 6-0 senior Don Vaughn (7.4), 6-3 junior Steve Burks (2.5), or one of three new additions -- freshmen Alvin Vaughn, 5-11, and Bryon Howell, 6-3, or 6-2 JUCO product Alvin Fields. Vaughn is the younger brother of veteran Huskie backcourter Don, and in his final season at Seattle's Garfield High, Alvin was voted Washington's prep Player-of-the-Year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Huskies surprised a lot of people with last year's fine showing, and it will be truly a miracle if Coach Harshman's club comes close to that level again in 80-81. Four key players have been lost to graduation, and while the backcourt should work out okay, a dearth of experience in the front line -- most notably, at the pivot spot -- will spell trouble underneath the backboards for Washington. The Huskies are headed for another of those "down trends" on the chart mentioned at the outset of this preview, perhaps "down" into the Pac-10's second division even.

Washington St. (22-6)

Starters Returning - 0 **Schedule - Avg.**

It's back to square one for Coach George Raveling, who has bid adieu to the top seven scorers from last year's NCAA tournament team. And while we have the highest regard for Raveling's coaching ability, we think even he would admit the Cougars are in for a rough time this season.

The top returning scorer at 2.8 ppg is 6-6 senior forward Angelo Hill, who has also been selected the team captain. Lettermen holding over in the front line, all of them called "wing" players is the WSU scheme, are 6-8 sophomore Aaron Haskins (1.6/1.1), 6-5 sophomore Chris Monson (1.7/0.7), 6-5

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sophomore Kevin Simmons (1.4/0.7) and 6-4 sophomore Brad Meyers (2.1/0.8), while back after red-shirting last season is 6-6 sophomore Steve Harriel, a monogram winner two years ago. New recruits looked to for immediate help are a pair of JUCO transfers, 6-8 Ollie Johnson and 6-6 Ronnie Joyner, along with the frosh trio of 6-9 Craig Lyon, 6-5 Bryan Pollard and 6-8 Mike Wurm.

The only experienced guard returnees are 6-3 junior Reedy Berg (1.0), who lettered last season, and 6-2 junior Brad Ness, a 78-79 monogram winner who red-shirted a year ago. So once again, the Cougars will be looking for instant help from newcomers, most notable of whom are JUCO products Tyrone Brown, 6-0, and Ken McFadden, 6-2.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This has got to be the biggest rebuilding job George Raveling has faced in his eight years with the Cougars, and making matters even more difficult is having to compete in the rugged Pac-10. We could be wrong, and for Coach Raveling's sake we hope we are, but the 80-81 Cougars are in danger of reversing their fine record of a year ago.

Stanford (7-19)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The "New York Connection" is alive and well in Stanford, where incoming freshman blue-chipper John Revelli (Scarsdale, NY) is a good bet to fill the forward spot vacated by graduated All-Pac-10 standout Kimberly Belton, a Bronx, NY native who set school career records for scoring and rebounding. Still and all, however, the Cardinals must get increased production from all their players to improve on last year's seventh place (tied with Oregon) league finish. "Only UCLA, Oregon State and Arizona State have superior personnel," Coach Dick DiBiaso ascertains, "The other teams' finishes will be determined by key injuries and recruiting."

The word "injury" is all too familiar to Coach DiBiaso after last season, when four potential guard starters (Mark Pritchford, Daryle Morgan, Terry Smith and Peter Lallas) fell victim to physical woes. All except Morgan return for this year, and one of them could wind up starting next to holdover regular Doug Marty (7.0), a 6-2 junior who ranked among the Pac-10 leaders last season with 95 assists. With Marty a fixture at the point guard spot, the other backcourt assignment has the interest of 6-4 junior Mark Pritchford, a 79-80 red-shirt due to a back injury, 6-4 junior swingman Smith (5.4), 6-2 senior Lallas (1.9) and 6-3 senior Larry Harris (1.7). The Cardinals are also very high on the potential of 6-2 freshman Keith Jones, a penetrating guard from the Phoenix's Union High who last season was selected Arizona's prep Play-of-the-Year.

In the front line, 6-7 junior Brian Welch (14.5/3.9) returns at one forward, while 6-8 junior Orlando Ward (8.2/5.9) will probably swing between center and forward. Frosh Revelli, a sturdy 6-7, 220-pounder, heads up a cast of new recruits that includes fellow yearlings Hans Wachary, 6-9, and Roger Jones, 6-5. But the question is if any of them can fill the shoes of the departed Belton, with his career totals of 1,615 points and 955 reebies. "Belton was someone other teams had to worry about," comments Coach DiBiaso, "It's going to take an improved floor game to replace him." Another key to solid front line play is the progress of 6-10 sophomore Dave Nussbaum (1.8/2.1), who could relieve Ward to play a natural forward position. At 240-pounds, Nussbaum would be an intimidating factor in the middle, but only if his stamina and playing skills are improved.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's hard to see the Cardinals moving up much in the Pac-10 standings, with Belton missing, even if forward Welch and guard Mackey are fine performers at their respective positions. Newcomers Revelli and Keith Jones should have an immediate impact, but not enough to keep Stanford from finishing under .500 and in the league's second again this season.

West Coast

San Francisco (22-7)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

There were some doubts that the Dons could remain atop the WCAC pack last year but they did and there's a good nucleus of excellent performers returning under new head coach Pete Barry. The top sharpshooter is 6-3 sophomore guard Quintin Dailey who pumped in 13.6 points per game last season to lead the scoring parade. He hit almost 53 percent from the floor. The other guard spot is reserved for 6-5 junior Ken McAlister (5.7) who's prowess is putting the clamps on the enemy's best outside shooter. The recruiting wars brought in a pair of backcourt performers; 6-5 Eric Booker and 6-0 Eric Slaymaker.

The Don's real success will depend on the play of the front line, especially 7-0 junior center Wallace Bryant (13.3/10.4) who was ranked among the nation's top twenty five carom grabbers last year. He's backstopped by 7-2 sophomore Rogue Harris (2.5/0.6) who still needs some additional seasoning. Guy Williams (11.4/4.3), a 6-8 junior, holds down one of the forward spots. The other will be shared by 6-5 junior John Hegwood (9.0/5.9) and 6-8 senior Bart Bowers (5.6/5.8).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Dons have dominated the WCAC for many moons and there's no reason to think things will change this season. Dailey figures to be more productive with his long range bombs. The same can be said for Bryant who may become the dominant force that everyone looks for. The schedule is a bit easier and that will insure another 20 win season along with a trip to the NCAA tourney.

Loyola (Cal.)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Lions actually were 14-14 last year. But they used an ineligible player and had to forfeit 12 games. They also fired one year coach Ron Jacobs who took them to the NCAA playoffs. His assistant, Ed Goorjian has taken over and is looking at a backbreaking schedule. Fortunately he's got 6-7 senior Jim McCloskey on hand to soothe the pain. He led the WCAC in scoring last year with a 22.2 average while pulling down 4.1 reebies per outing. Also back in 6-6 senior center Michael Antoine (10.8/8.8) who plays much taller than his actual height. The other forward post may go to 6-7 senior Art Claybion (5.6/3.4) who was a regular for most of last year's action. Two other's who'll hope for frontcourt action are 6-5 senior Mike Young (0.8/0.7) and 6-6 sophomore Scott Pritichett (0.7/0.9). In 6-10 freshman Mike Lahn the Lions have future potential but he only weighs in at 195 and needs to mature some before he's ready for duty.

The backcourt is keyed by 5-11 senior point guard Dan Davis (11.2) who averaged over six assists per outing last year. The other guard spot will be battled for by 6-3 senior Marty Peterson (1.7) and incoming 6-3 freshman Charles Dorsey who averaged 18 ppg. in the prep ranks.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Use of that ineligible player has made the Lions ineligible for post-season play this year. It's doubtful whether or not they would have qualified for that honor anyway. McCloskey is pretty much the whole show and there's not quite enough additional talent on hand to cope with the tough schedule both in and out of league play. If the Lions can duplicate last years' true break even mark they'll have had a mighty fine campaign.

St. Mary's (15-12)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Gaels proved that you don't absolutely need big men to win as coach Bill Oates started a front line that went 6-4, 6-5 and 6-6 last year. But even Oates knows you can't go to that well too often and he's recruited some taller timber this season. The top returnee is 6-5 junior guard David Vann

(16.7) who was a 50 per cent shooter last season. The other guard slot will probably go to 6-0 senior Ray Orgill (3.9) but he'll get competition from 6-0 freshman Franklin Rhodes.

A pair of regulars return to the forward posts in the presence of 6-4 senior Allen Cotton (9.3/6.0) and 6-6 sophomore Peter Thibeaux (7.4/3.4). They'll be backed by 6-6 senior Joe Doherty (2.1/1.9) and 6-6 sophomore Brandon Bennett (4.5/3.1). Newcomers at forward include 6-8 Greg Allen and 6-7 Keith Norwood. The vacancy at center will be battled for by two newcomers and a transfer -- 7-1 Mike Nelson and 7-0 David Bowlby, both freshmen, along with 6-11 junior Eric Vial who started his collegiate career at California.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Oates is basking in his recruiting glory. But when the opening whistle blows he'll come back to earth. It'll take some time for all those youngsters to blend with the veterans and we look for some rough going in the early part of the campaign. By season's end, however things will be brighter. But we think this team is a year away from making a true run at the league title although we could be wrong if all the chips fall the Gaels' way.

Pepperdine (17-11)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Coach Jim Harrick will probably have a few bones to pick with the people responsible for the simply awful schedule his team must confront in the early going this season. How tough is it? Do names like UCLA, Oregon State, Kansas, Illinois State, Houston and Indiana State give you an indication!

Worst of all, the Waves have to crash against those hefty bulkheads minus the brilliant guard duo of Ricardo Brown and Tony Fuller, each of whom sank just a shade under 20 ppg last season. One of those backcourt spots will almost surely be filled by 6-2 junior Roylin "Boot" Bond (13.0), while lettermen after the other spot, both sophomores, are 6-2 Dane Suttle (6.4) and 6-0 Carmel Stevens (0.5). Adding depth to this area is 6-2 freshman Mark Wilson, who bucketed 26 ppg his final prep year.

In the front line, a number of combinations are possible, but a quartet of newcomers loom very large in Coach Harrick's plans -- JUCO transfers Orlando Phillips, 6-7, and Bill Sadler, 6-6, along with freshmen Victor Anger, 6-7, and Braxton Clark, 6-6. Monogram winners available again are 7-0 senior Brett Barnett (4.2/4.5), 6-10 senior Evaristo Soares (1.6/2.5) and 6-9 sophomore Scott McCollum (6.4/6.5).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Realistically speaking, the Waves can not hope to equal last year's 17-win, invite to the NIT performance. Coach Harrick's recent recruiting efforts have been such that, Pepperdine will come away clean more often than they get bloodied this season. But it's strictly a whistling-in-the-wind proposition where this team's WCAC title aspirations are concerned.

Portland (17-11)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Pilots found their way into the league's first division last year but graduation has claimed the top two scorers and its begin again time for head coach Joe Meagher. He does have one proven guard in 6-4 junior Jose Slaughter (16.2) who's also a solid board crasher as evidenced by his 6.2 caroms per game last year. Among the holdovers who'll vye for the other backcourt job are 5-11 junior Moby Oliver (2.3); 6-5 sophomore Pinhas Hozez (0.7) and 6-2 sophomore Robert Williams (1.2). But it'll be the freshman class that supplies the power. 6-3 Kevin Williams and 6-5 swingman Dave Flint figure to see immediate action.

The same can be said up front where the lone returning letterman is 6-7 senior Russ Dyer (6.2/3.6) who can play at forward or in the pivot. 6-10 sophomore Bryan Beard (1.0/2.0) hopes for more time at center while holdovers at forward include 6-5 sophomore Mark Sheard (1.1/0.9) and 6-4 sophomore Sidney Watson (2.0/1.9). Again, newcomers are the key and they are a solid group including 6-7 Dennis Black, 6-6 Greg Holt and 6-10 Gary Von Waaden.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Pilots have enjoyed some good success in recent campaigns but the bubble is about to burst. Slaughter is the lone top notch performer on what will be a very young squad with as many as four freshman playing at the same time. That can only mean growing pains and a struggle to win as many as 12 times in 80-81.

Santa Clara (13-14)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Broncos were a disappointment last year and now, with 60 per cent of their offense having graduated, things look tenuous indeed this season. The top point producer among the returnees is 6-7 senior forward Ted Whittington (8.1/4.4). The other forward spot will probably go to 6-6 sophomore Kelvin Bowers (4.9/4.5). Also in the picture are 6-6 sophomore Gary Hopkins (1.5/0.8); 6-5 sophomore Cecil Morris (1.5/2.0) along with 6-4 JUCO import Derryl Williams, 6-6 freshman Michael Norman and another frosh, 6-8 Tony Vukelich who'll be tried in the pivot since a true post man isn't to be found on the squad.

The man running the show is 5-10 senior point guard John Kovaleski (5.9) who dished out 81 assists last year. The top producer in dishing off is 6-1 junior Tony Gower (8.1) who saw almost enough time to be considered a regular and registered 86 assists. Lance Jackson (1.1), a 6-0 sophomore returns at guard with a monogram on his sweater. Bill Duffy, a 6-4 transfer from Minnesota, could see immediate backcourt action and the same is true for 6-1 freshman recruit Terry Davis, a San Jose native.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year should have been a good one -- it wasn't. With the top two returning point producers only having averaged eight per game there's a need for some instant offense. The newcomers may provide some scoring help but not enough, we're afraid, to allow the Broncos to make a serious run for the title. In fact, a run at the break even point is about all we see this Santa Clara quintet doing.

Gonzaga (16-11)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Bulldogs surprised us, along with several conference foes, by finishing third in the WCAC last year. But graduation has claimed the heart of that team and this season could be a long one. The top returnee is 6-2 senior point guard Don Baldwin (9.4) who dished out a team leading 78 assists last year. The other guard spot will go to 6-2 junior Tim Wagoner (5.1) with additional backcourt help coming from a pair of incoming freshmen -- 6-1 John Stockton and 6-3 Willie Preston.

The lone regular returning up front is 6-10 junior center Duane Bergeson (4.8/2.3) who's barely able to make it in the pivot. His backstop last year, 6-7 senior Hugh Hobus (6.6/4.6), will move over to stake out one of the forward spots. The other forward job will be battled for by 6-6 senior Ken Anderson (2.1/1.5), 6-4 senior Eddie Taylor (1.5/0.8) and 6-4 JUCO transfer Tony Sheen. Also in the picture up front are 6-8 sophomore Keith Britt (0.5/1.0), 6-8 sophomore Mark McKelvy (2.7/1.3) along with 6-8 JUCO import Bill Dunlap and a pair of freshmen -- 6-6 Dave Clement and 6-8 Jason Van Nort.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: If last year was a pleasant surprise, this year promises to be of the unpleasant variety. Baldwin is the only returnee who's shown the capability of successful WCAC play. Bergeson must improve by leaps and bounds and all those newcomers must also show their wares early. The Bulldogs figure to sink into the second division and will have to struggle to win as many as ten games this year.

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Utah State (19-8)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Aggies made it three straight post-season tournament appearances as they captured the PCAA title last year. The main force behind the championship was 6-8 forward Dean Hunger, the PCAA Player of the Year. He's graduated but head coach Rod Tueller feels he has an adequate replacement in 6-8 senior forward Brian Jackson (20.0/7.0), a "pure

shooter" who's hit 53.5 per cent of his shots in three seasons of play. He helped lead the Aggies to a fourth place finish, nationally, in scoring with an 86.3 ppg average a year ago. He'll be joined, up front, by 6-11 junior center Leo Cunningham (3.9), an adept shot blocker but not much of a scoring threat. The other forward spot will go to 6-5 senior Edgar Wycliffe (8.8), last year's "sixth man." Also being counted on for help are 6-9 junior Mark Miller, 6-7 junior Haakon Austefjord and 6-7 sophomore Gary Furniss, who spent the last two years on a church mission.

The backcourt is keyed by 6-2 senior guard Keith Hood (13.5). The other guard slot will be fought for by a pair of holdovers -- 6-0 junior Larry Bergeson and 6-1 sophomore Lance Washington -- along with a trio of freshmen newcomers -- 6-3 Bob DeMarco, 6-5 Mike McCullough, who can also swing to the small forward spot, and 6-0 Joel Rotta.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Aggies could very well make it four in a row (post season appearances) if they can adequately replace Hunger. Jackson will bellweather the team but needs more scoring help up front. We feel things will be just fine in the backcourt and expect this team to make a strong run at defending their title.

Fresno State (17-7)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

Each of the three years Boyd Grant has been calling the shots for the Bulldogs, his teams have finished among the national leaders in defense, last year winding up fifth best in the land with a 58.8 ppg yield. Nose-to-nose defensive pressure will be FSU's forte this season, too, but their quest for the PCAA title hinges on the 'Dogs hitting the backboards with more ferocity.

The top rebounder holding over is 6-7 junior forward Rod Higgins (12.9/5.7), leading scorer a year ago. Lettermen front liners available are 6-7 junior Bobby Davis (8.2/3.5), 6-9 senior Pete Verhoeven (8.2/4.7), 6-8 junior Paul Reed (2.6/1.3) and 6-10 John Weatherspoon (2.8/2.0). The key to improved board work may be a pair of incoming freshmen, 6-6 Mitch Braswell and 6-7 Bernard Thompson, a prep all-stater from Phoenix, Arizona.

Backcourt play will revolve around 6-2 junior Donald Mason (4.2), who had a team-leading 65 assists last season, and 6-0 senior Bobby Anderson (4.0/56 assists). Supporting them out front will be 5-9 sophomore Tyrone Bradley (2.2), and two newcomers, 6-5 JUCO transfer Dan Sezzi and 6-3 freshman Bryan Williams, selected as one of the Super Five all-Arizona players and the leading scorer in the Basketball Congress International Tournament this past summer.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Bulldogs have finished 21-6, 16-12 and 17-7 under Coach Boyd, and their winning ways -- predicated on tough defense -- should continue in 80-81. However, finishing on top of the PCAA will require stronger inside play, especially in regard to rebounding, and we just don't see FSU improving enough in that area to annex the league crown, although another first division finish is a distinct possibility.

Pacific (16-15)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The season was over before it ever really got started for last year's Tigers, who lost three of their top six players just two games into the campaign. And even the presence of PCAA scoring champion Ron Cornelius was only good enough to help UOP, the pre-season favorite for the league title, finish third in the standings.

Senior Cornelius (21.6/7.9), a 6-9 center/forward, returns for his final year as a bonafide All-America candidate, and he has a good shot at becoming only the 33rd player in NCAA cage history to surpass the 1,000-point, 2,000-rebound plateaus during his career. The inside track at the other forward spot belongs to 6-6 sophomore Laurence Held (6.9/3.7), the starter most of last season, while also back in the picture are two players who missed the 79-80 action with injuries, 6-6 junior Matt Waldron (a regular two years ago) and 6-6 junior Rick Paulsen. Reggie Love (2.9/2.2), a 6-4 senior swingman, will help in the corners, as will 6-9 sophomore Steve Howard, a transfer from St. Mary's, and 6-7 freshman Graham Taylor. "We won't have a real center," Coach Dick Fichtner comments, explaining the Tigers may go with "a three forward, two guard set-up, and maybe even a four forward, one guard line-up."

First in line for the two guard vacancies are 5-11 junior playmaker Norm Edwards (5.7/80 assists) and 6-4 senior Tim Will (3.3), while 6-2 sophomore Matt Clevenger will also get a shot after starring with last year's JV team. Fresh troops on the backline are 6-2 JUCO transfer Ralph Scozzofava, a 57% field goal shooter last year at Westchester (NY) Community College, along with freshmen Jeff Andrade, 6-1, and John Leidenheimer, 6-1.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The breaks went against last year's Tigers, yet they still managed a third-best in PCAA standings, nothing to be ashamed of. A-A prospect Cornelius again heads the 80-81 UOP cage squad, and his all round ability should guarantee another winning campaign. However, making a serious bid for PCAA title honors will require a greater effort from veterans and newcomers alike, since last season proved conclusively that college basketball is more than a one-man game, even if that individual is a standout the caliber of Cornelius.

Cal-Irvine (7-20)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Bill Mulligan didn't forget to pack one very important item when he left his coaching job at Saddleback Junior College for a similar position at Cal-Irvine. That "item" was JC All-America Kevin Magee, a 6-8 power forward who spearheaded last year's 34-1 Saddleback team with per-game outputs of 29.3 points and 13.2 rebounds.

Magee, a rugged 235-pounder, brings some badly needed muscle to the Anteater front line, where 6-6 senior Quentin Brown (7.7/3.2) is the lone returnee of much consequence. Also plucked from the JUCO ranks were 6-8 Grant Taylor, voted MVP in last year's California JC playoff tournament, along with 6-8 Ranier Wulf. Freshmen prospects are 6-7 Curtis Crossley and 6-8 Ben McDonald, a Long Beach product (Poly High) who earned that city's prep Player-of-the-Year award last season.

Newcomers are abundant in the backcourt as well, but they'll have to go some to unseat junior guards Louis Bremond (7.4), a 6-0 ball handling ace who handed out 103 assists last season, and 6-3 Robbie Beal (14.3), top 79-80 scorer. The good old JUCO vein was tapped again for 6-4 Randy Whieldon, another Saddleback JC alum, and 6-3 Kevin Fuller (Long Beach City College), while via Branning High in Wilmington, California the Anteaters also acquired the services of 6-3 freshman David Jones.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: New Cal-Irvine mentor Mulligan wowed 'em with his first recruiting harvest, a bountiful yield that has super JC forward Magee as its blue-ribbon winner. He will be the fulcrum for a very young front line that must gel for the Anteaters to have a respectable inside game. Bremond and Beal offer greater stability at the guards, but once past then, the remaining backcourters (two JC recruits, one frosh) need time to mature. Cal-Irvine's snake-infested 80-81 schedule doesn't offer many opportunities for experimentation, with Nevada-Las Vegas, Stanford, Missouri, plus appearances in the Golden Gate tournament and KOA Classic in the early going. So while things are looking up and under the new coaching regime, the Anteaters will have to settle for another sub-.500 mark.

Santa Barbara (11-16)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Gauchos haven't posted a winner in four years and coach Ed De Lacy is hoping that this will be the turnaround season, his third as head mentor. He's building his optimism around 6-10 junior center Richard Anderson (12.6/6.2) who only needs to become a bit "tougher" to be the intimidating player he's shown the potential for. One of the forward spots will be occupied by 6-5 sophomore York Gross (10.4/3.3). The other is wide open and a pair of incoming freshmen -- 6-8 Dave Mercere along with 6-6 Gary Moeller -- hope to land there. Also on hand is 6-6 sophomore Calvin Cooper (0.6/1.0).

Another pair of newcomers figure predominantly in the backcourt. One, a JUCO transfer, 6-4 Walter Evans, averaged 23.5 points per game in the JC ranks last year. The other is 6-1 freshman Aaron McCarthy out of Salt Lake City. Holdovers who'll vye for action include 6-4 senior Sam

Levesauskas (1.4) and 6-5 sophomore Kim Lewis (3.7).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Anderson is certainly a top match player and Gross had a fine frosh campaign. But all else is unknown. De Lacy had a fine recruiting year but it will take time for the newcomers to adapt. Too much time, in fact, to allow for a run at the title or even a first division finish as the Gauchos struggle to reach the .500 level.

San Jose St. (17-12)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Avg.**

Second year mentor Bill Berry did a remarkable job last year -- taking a 7-20 team and completely turning things around and making it to the NCAA tourney via a winning effort in the PCAA season ending tournament. Despite the loss of his top two scorers, Berry is looking at the coming campaign in an optimistic manner. For openers he's got a fine pivot man returning in 6-8 senior Arthur "Stretch" Graham (8.2/3.5), a top notch defensive standout. On hand to challenge and spell Graham is 6-9 JUCO import Jim Reason. But it's Reason's JC teammate, 6-7 Chris McNealy, who's being counted on to fill the existing void at one forward. The other forward post will go to 6-7 senior Sid Williams (5.5/3.1) who was up and down last season. Also on hand is 6-5 senior Doug Murrey (8.0/2.5), a solid shooter. Tom Perkins, a 6-7 JUCO transfer and 6-8 redshirted junior Ed Uthoff should also add up front muscle.

One of the guard slots belongs to 6-4 senior Michael Mendez (7.4) who dished off 117 times last year. The other will see a dogfight for playing time. A pair of freshmen -- 6-5 Dennis Robertson and 6-2 Michael Moore -- will get a hard look as will two JUCO imports – 6-0 junior Kookie Jones and 6-5 junior John Rogers. They'll have to fight off a trio of holdovers including 6-3 senior David Byrd (3.0); 6-1 senior Ed Saunders (3.4) and 6-3 junior John Russo (2.6).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Berry proved his worth in spades as a coach last year. Now he wants the regular season title. Graham is solid in the middle and if McNealy lives up to his billing then the front line will be fine. The same can be said at guard if any of the newcomers perform adequately. This team is our surprise pick to make a good run at all the marbles and another NCAA tourney berth.

Long Beach St. (22-12)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The 49ers enjoyed a fine season last year but have seen two of the NBA's top 100 draftees, forwards Michale Wiley and Francois Wise, depart. The top returnee is 6-7 senior forward Craig Dykema (7.3/2.7). The other forward post figures to be occupied by 6-6 senior Kelly Johnson (3.7/1.8). In reserve there's 6-4 junior Phil Gary (2.4/1.8). Three players who sat out last year will provide added front line strength -- 6-7 freshman redshirt Craig Lack, along with 6-8 sophomore Harvey Parnell and 6-9 junior Dino Gregory, both transfers. Also on hand at forward is 6-5 JUCO import David Johnson. The pivot will be filled by 6-10 junior Kevin Tye (5.2/3.0).

There's a solid performer at one of the guard slots in 6-3 junior Craig Hodges (12.6) who dished off 130 assists last season. The other backcourt starter is 6-0 senior point guard Dave Shutts (4.7). Holdovers at guard include 6-1 senior Ray Reeves (5.3) and 6-0 junior Doug Ferguson (1.9). The lone prep recruit is 6-1 Ricky Smith, a lightening quick performer. There are also a pair of JUCO imports vyeing for duty -- 6-2 Bruce McRee and 6-1 Robert Jordan with McRee given a good shot at seeing plenty of action.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There's a big hole up front created by the departure of the W's -- Wiley and Wise. We don't see that gap being closed well enough to allow for as much point production as last year. That means a tougher brand of defense must be played and that's not easy to do. While the slippage won't be too bad, it still looks like this team will have trouble duplicating last year's effort in the victory column.

Cal St. Fullerton (11-16)

Starters Returning - 0 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Titans are starting absolutely from scratch. All five of last year's regulars are gone and so is former head coach Bob Dye. He's been replaced by George McQuarn who must feel like General Custer. It's probable that only one holdover from a year ago, 6-9 sophomore foward-center Lance Ball (4.7/2.7), will see starting duty. He'll probably be joined, up front, by 6-5 JUCO transfer Michael Anderson and another JUCO import, 6-6 John Bell. The former averaged 20 ppg. and nine reebies per outing at Oxnard JC. Also on hand is 6-8 senior center Dave Wear, a transfer; 6-7 letterman Bruce LaVallee (3.9/2.7) and 6-5 incoming freshman Victor Green.

One of the guard spots could be filled by 6-0 senior George Barrios (3.3) but more than likely it'll be the new folks who'll see the action. The best is 6-0 junior Ronald Portee who led Western Texas JC to the national JUCO title last season. He figures to be joined by 5-10 freshman Dave Gilreath, a 22 ppg. scorer from Minnesota. Also hoping for duty will be 6-2 JUCO import Doug Cherry and 6-2 sophomore Stan Davis (1.4).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Just two years ago the Titans won twice in the NCAA playoffs. It's been all downhill since. With all the newcomers and so many question marks we don't see anything but a struggle this time around. If the Titans finish anywhere but last in the league standings it'll be a major accomplishment.

Western Athletic

Texas-El Paso (20-8)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Miners were a pleasnat surprise last year and figure to be holy terrors this time around. Coach Don Haskins, after three down years, has things back on track. Balance was the key to winning an NIT bid last year. The bellweathers of the resurgence return in 6-9 junior Terry White (10.4/8.8) and 6-7 senior Anthony Burns (11.4/7.5). They alternated between forward and center in 79-80 and will do so again this year. The other forward spot belongs to 6-7 senior Roshern Amie (9.0/4.3). A pair of sophomores, 6-5 Fred Reynolds (5.5/4.3) and 6-6 Rick Thompson (2.8/2.1) provide frontcourt backup help. Two newcomers, 6-6 JUCO product Virgil Kennedy and 6-7 freshman Paul Cunningham are also expected to aid the cause.

The lone graduation loss of any consequence was at guard where Gary Wilson held forth on one side. The other slot is well stocked with the return of 6-1 senior Julius Wayne (6.8). Wilson's replacement will likely be 6-4 senior Tim Crenshaw (4.3) but he'll get pressure from 6-1 incoming freshman Anthony Bailey, a 26 point per game scorer from Los Angeles.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Miners have returned to the form that took them to many NCAA tourneys in the mid-60's. There's plenty of talent on this club and its well balanced to boot. Burns and White are the key factors and the only missing ingredient is a long range target shooter. Bailey may prove capable of filling that role. If so then this team must be reckoned with in both the WAC race and post season competition.

Utah (18-10)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

Like Dolly Parton, the Ute program believes in the adage, "It's what's up front that counts." Coach Jerry Pimm will rely on a trio of tested frontcourt veterans to lead the way in the race for WAC supremacy. The most important cog is 6-7 senior forward Danny Vranes (15.2/9.5). He was selected to the U.S. Olympic Team and has been an All-WAC performer for two years running. The other forward spot is in the

capable hands of 6-7 senior Karl Bankowski (12.6/4.3). The pivot post belongs to 6-9 senior Tom Chambers (17.2/8.7) who led the team in scoring last year.

That brings us to the guard spots where the picture is a bit muddled. Scott Martin (4.8), a 5-11 senior, was a regular two years ago and played enough to lead the team with 141 assists last year. But Martin isn't a point producer. Last year's sixth man could get a starting nod. He's 6-6 sophomore Pace Mannion (3.1). The newcomers are sure to get a look-see. They include 6-5 JUCO transfer Craig Hammer, 6-3 freshman Scott Hill, 6-2 freshman Reuben McClain and 6-3 freshman Angelo Robinson. The latter appears to be the best of the bunch.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Vranes is one of the top players in the land and his up front buddies form the best forward-pivot trio in the league. But somebody has to bring the ball up and keep the defenses honest and we're not sure the guards on hand are capable of performing that task. If they come through then Utah will challenge for the title. If not, then a repeat performance of last year's log is in order.

Brigham Young (24-5)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Cougars proved a couple of things last year. First that it was possible for a WAC team to win on the road (7-0 in league play). Second that Danny Ainge is a super athlete. And finally that the best the WAC had to offer couldn't defeat the fourth place team in the ACC (The Cougars lost to Clemson in first round NCAA play). If Ainge returns (and there's some doubt because of his pro baseball career), the 6-5 senior guard will make all the difference in the world to the BYU program. He averaged 19.1 ppg. last year while shooting 53 percent from the floor. He's scored 1,685 points in three years of varsity action. The other guard slot will probably go to 6-5 senior Steve Craig (5.6) who saw about 16 minutes of duty per game last year. Also in the hunt are 6-3 junior Greg Ballif (2.6) and 6-1 sophomore Mike Maxwell (3.2).

The front court is headed by a pair of returning regulars -- 6-7 junior forward Devin Durrant (13.3/5.9) and 6-10 junior forward Fred Roberts (13.1/6.1) who may be forced into the pivot this time around. He'll play there unless 6-11 sophomore Greg Kite (14.3/3.0) improves by leaps and bounds. Also on hand are 6-8 junior Steve Trumbo (4.2/3.4) 6-6 senior Steve Anderson (3.0/1.5).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Ainge's return is the whole key to the season. If he's back then the Cougars should again fly high. If not, they'll be an also ran in the WAC race. Durrant and Roberts are good players but Ainge is the catalyst so we'll just hedge our bets until mid-fall when he makes up his mind.

Wyoming (18-10)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Coach Jim Brandenburg's "three-year plan" is right on schedule, and the Cowboy mentor is optimistic his team's growth during his tenure is ready to pay off with a WAC title. "I look for Utah to be the odds-on favorite to win, with UTEP, Brigham Young and Wyoming right up there," Brandenburg states. Actually, Brandenburg's 80-81 club has as good a shot as anybody at winning the championship, provided the veteran players supply the necessary leadership, and a competent center emerges to give the front line real strength.

The forward spots will be occupied again by 6-6 senior Kenneth Ollie (11.9/8.0) and 6-8 junior Bill Garnett (13.4/7.6). Backing them up in the corners are 6-7 sophomore Mark Wrapp (2.2/2.6) and a pair of 6-7 freshmen, Vincent Johnson (Chicago, Illinois) and Bob Ladoucer (Aurora, Colorado). At the pivot spot, 6-10 junior letterman Greg Thesenvitz (2.7/1.9) and 7-0 junior Chris Engler, a transfer from Minnesota University, are being counted on. How well they perform may tell the whole story for the Cowboys.

Two-time all-league pick Charles "Tub" Bradley (19.1), a 6-5 senior, sparks the backcourt gang. Bradley is termed "probably the finest and most spectacular player in Cowboy basketball history" by the school's athletic PR folks. The other guard spot will be shared by 5-11 junior Anthony Johnson (5.7), who set a school record last year with 93 assists, and 6-3 sophomore Mike Jackson (6.1). Also on call is 6-4 junior monogram winner Dwight McClendon (2.7), as well as 6-3 freshman Brandon Adams (Gary, Indiana).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Steadily, like an Oak tree taking root, the Cowboys have grown and strengthened themselves under the care of Jim Brandenburg. In guard Bradley, along with forwards Garnett and Ollie, Wyoming boasts a trio of all-league prospects, and rotating point guards Johnson and Jackson fill the bill quite nicely. Center play remains suspect, or at least until such time as Thesenvitz and/or seven-foot transfer Engler show they can do it in the middle. That one drawback will make a title run difficult for the 80-81 Cowboys, yet a repeat on the order of last year's 18-10 is a good possibility.

Colorado State (10-17)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

The Final Four touch has come to Fort Collins in the person of new coach Tony McAndrews, an assistant last year with an Iowa Hawkeyes team that advanced to the NCAA Tourney semi-finals. McAndrews is realistic enough to know the Rams are light-years away from that kind of success, and simply putting a winning mark on the books in his first season at CSU would probably tickle him pink.

He inherits a veteran backcourt tandem in 5-10 junior Eddie Hughes (13.1) and 6-3 senior Reggie Talley (4.7), both returning regulars who will get support from 6-3 sophomore John Ellis (9.5), 6-3 sophomore Ray Lego (4.4) and 6-3 junior Michael Bland (2.0). Hughes was a second-team All-WAC pick last season when he finished second best in scoring and paced the Rams in assists (77) and steals (42).

Top point maker Barry Young has departed via graduation, as has his starting partner at forward last season, Rudy Watley, the team's best rebounder. Pivot duties will be taken care of by 7-2 junior Mark Jung (5.8/2.6), who split time a year ago with since graduated Kim Williamson. Candidates for the forward vacancies are three lettermen, 6-6 sophomore Solomon Williams (5.4/2.9), 6-5 sophomore Joe Moore (2.3/1.6) and 6-8 junior Roger Nickell (1.6/1.1), plus a couple of fresh recruits -- 6-10 JUCO transfer Dave Horner and 6-10 freshman Rick Semin.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: New Coach McAndrews replaces Jim Williams, CSU's cage skipper the past 26-years, and it may take the former Iowa aide awhile to get the Rams back on the right path. Hughes is one of the WAC's best backcourters, but quite frankly, pickings are lean after him. So much so, it appears, the Rams will probably be fortunate if they show much improvement on last year's won-lost mark.

San Diego State (6-21)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Avg.**

It's a little-known fact that Coach Dave "Smokey" Gaines of the Aztecs played for the Harlem Globetrotters from 1963-67, and obviously, some of that team's flamboyant style rubbed off on the second-year SDSU cage skipper. But unlike the "selected" opponents who face the Globetrotters, nobody "rolled over" and played stooge for last year's Aztecs, as they finished in a last place tie with the scandal-ridden New Mexico Lobos in the Western Athletic Conference.

Coach Gaines feels the 79-80 campaign was "a super year for us as far as building the program goes" even in the loss total far exceeded the wins, since a number of young players got a chance to test their wings at the big-time level. One such, 6-6 sophomore forward Eddy Gordon (13.1/8.9) responded by finishing second in WAC rebounding as a frosh and he is felt to have All-America potential if he continues to improve at the fundamentals. Gordon will be united in the starting front line with holdover pivot regular, 6-10 senior Drew Head (5.1/4.2) and 6-5 JUCO transfer Zack Jones, leading JC scorer in the state of California last year with a 32 ppg average. Veteran front line reserves are best exemplified by 6-8 junior Chris Holden (8.3/6.0) and 6-7 junior Michael Gay (3.1/2.2), while also coming in via the JUCO route are 6-7 David Bradley and 6-5 John Garwood.

Point guard duties are once more the province of 5-11 senior Tony Gwynn (11.1), leading assist man in the WAC the past two years, with 6-6 senior Joe Mendoza (12.0) lining up again at the opposite backcourt spot. The foremost reserve out front, 6-6 sophomore Eddie Morris (13.3), not only led the team in scoring as a frosh, but enjoyed the third highest scoring game (41 points against Nevada-Las Vegas) in school

history. Recruiting-wise, the Aztecs came up with 6-3 JUCO import Mike Kennedy and 6-2 freshman Kevin Bond (Detroit, Michigan), an all-stater last year in both basketball and football.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Aztecs "paid the price" for being in a rebuilding process last season, but their lessons learned, they will be a lot more formidable this year. Formidable enough, in fact, to battle their way to a winning record overall, while pushing for a first division niche in the WAC.

Hawaii (13-14)

Starters Returning - 2 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Since its inception in 1970, the highlight of the college basketball season in Hawaii has been the Rainbow Classic, a holiday tournament that annually attracts some of the mainland's finest teams. Last year, Coach Larry Smith's Rainbow Warriors came darn near winning their own tournament for the first time since 1973, losing to Big Ten affiliate Illinois (94-82) in the Rainbow Classic title game.

No cigar, of course, but even "close" is something to beat the tom-toms about considering the awful state of affairs Coach Little found things in when he arrived five years go. From a low of 1-26 in Little's second year at the helm, the Rainbow Warriors have progressed steadily, yet still face uphill sledding if they wish to move up in the ever-improving Western Athletic Conference. Of the current 'Bows, the brightest hue emanates from 6-0 senior guard Aaron Strayhorn (15.9), a great clutch shooter whose long jumpers lifted Hawaii to victories over Colorado State, San Diego State and Nevada-Las Vegas last season. Vying for the other backcourt spot are 5-11 senior Cliff Sanchez (1.1), 6-3 junior Clarence Dickerson, a transfer from Elon College, Junior College products Ed Sesler, 6-1, and Tony Webster, 6-3, plus freshman Willie Wright, 6-2.

The pivot spot will again be occupied by 6-10 junior Brad Pineau (8.5/5.7), but a pair of new forwards must be found. Monogram winners after those vacancies are 6-6 sophomore Jack Miller (4.6/2.8), 6-4 senior Larry Jones (4.1/2.8), 6-7 senior Tom Beckerle (1.8/2.3) and 6-7 senior Antoine Goodlow, a 78-79 letterman who didn't play last season. Newcomers in the running include a pair of JUCO imports, 6-6 David Hopkins and 6-6 Rodney Jones, along with 6-8 freshman Garland Hughes. JC recruit "Slim" Jones was regarded as one of the top small forwards around, with a reported 125 colleges offering him scholarships before he settled on Hawaii.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Rainbow Warriors have, indeed, improved under Coach Little, last year falling just short of a winning record. A rugged 80-81 schedule, and a rebuilt front line, will make climbing above .500 this season very, very difficult, and pushing into the WAC's first division will also be a tough assignment.

New Mexico (7-21)

Starters Returning - 3 **Schedule - Avg.**

New head coach Gary Colson has the unenviable task of trying to pick up the pieces after the scandal and we sincerely wish him the best. Fortunately he's got one of the premier point producers in the land to build his fortunes around. We're speaking of 6-3 junior forward Kenny Page (28.0/6.6) who became the Lobo's single season scoring leader when he pumped in 784 points last year. He'll be joined, up front, by 6-10 senior center Jerome Henderson (11.8/6.5) who was only eligible the second half of the 79-80 campaign. Colson will probably start three guards but additional up front help may come from 6-7 incoming freshman Billy White.

One of the backcourters will be 6-3 sophomore Michael Johnson (10.6) who was lost the second semester last season due to academics. A mid-season walk-on, 6-0 senior David Duggin (8.7) will see plenty of duty as will 5-10 redshirted freshman Phil Smith and incoming homegrown product Wallace Williams.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There's no doubt about Page's abilities. Even when double and triple teamed he finds the hoop. The key to improvement will be the play of Henderson in the pivot and Colson's ability to mold some cohesion into a troubled situation. We look for a more deliberate style of attack than Lobo fans have seen in a while and that will allow a final log somewhere around the .500 level.

Air Force (8-17)

Starters Returning - 4 **Schedule - Avg.**

The Falcons will become official members of the Western Athletic Conference this basketball season, and we got a kick out of Falcon Coach Hank Eagan's assessment of the new league his team will be competing in. "The WAC offers a little of something for all types of basketball fans," Egan commented, "In Brigham Young you've got a fine straight zone team with good big men. In Texas-El Paso, you've got a super defensive team that features balanced scoring. And Nevada-Las Vegas, well, they start running at the national anthem and don't quit until they're out of town!"

Coach Egan has four returning regulars to throw at that competition, most notably 6-6 senior forward Tim Harris (17.5/7.5), who was named to the all-district team last year and could wind up as the Falcons' career scoring leader. He will be united in the starting front line again with 6-7 senior center Reggie Jones (8.4/10.6), one of the leading rebounders in the Division I ranks last winter. The other forward regular in 79-80, Pete McCaffery, has left school on a one-year sabbatical leave, and those bidding to take his place are the lettermen duo of 6-6 junior Marc Duncan and 6-4 soph Rick Simmons, plus freshmen Jeff Eberhard, 6-6, Joe barrett, 6-6, and Creighton Kearns, 6-5.

The starting backcourt returns in the persons of 6-2 soph Erwin Washington (7.0) and 5-11 junior Greg Lewis (1.7), but a plethora of frosh recruits will be given every opportunity in this area. Most heralded of the yearlings are 6-5 Jeff Carter from Lombard, Ill. and 6-4 Joe Herron from Norman, Okla.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Egan knows full well his Falcons have some tough sledding ahead in their first year in the WAC, a league that sent three teams to post-season tournaments last year. Front liners Harris and Jones are solid inside players who will play major roles in whatever success Air Force enjoys in 80-81, but a second division finish and losing record looks like the forecast for this undermanned team.

Nevada-Las Vegas (23-9)

Starters Returning - 5 **Schedule - Above Avg.**

Basketball is more than just a sport in Glitter City, it's the hottest thing this side of the roulette tables, and it showed at last year's Runnin' Rebs award banquet. At that event, star singer Lola Falana belted out the National Anthem in her own inimitable fashion, while also there to pay tribute to Coach Jerry Tarkanian's team was well-liked male vocalist Wayne Newton. All that just goes to illustrate the Rebs never lack for attention around these parts, and they should be packing 'em into the Las Vegas Convention Center again this season with four starters back from UNLV's 79-80 NIT team.

The Rebs will be spearheaded by 6-9 sophomore forward Sidney Green (15.6/11.1), top scorer and rebounder, plus a Frosh All-America last season. He will get plenty of front line assistance from a quartet of lettermen who all saw action in every 79-80 game – 6-7 junior Michael Burns (14.2/7.3), 6-6 sophomore Larry Anderson (11.4/3.0), 6-6 junior Richard Box (10.8/7.1) and 6-8 junior Michael Johnson (10.5/7.2). Johnson is the center in a rather small, by major college standards, front line, and yet no team will dominate the Rebs inside. Adding to the excellent depth in this area will be JUCO transfers Eddie Roberson, 6-8, and John Copeland, 6-9.

The one disheartening graduation loss was Flintie Ray Williams, not much of a scorer (3.8) but a super playmaker who handed off 184 assists last season. His "quarterback" role will be filled by 5-10 junior Michael Loyd (4.3), a 151-assist man himself a year ago. Hopefully, the Rebs will get more out of their other veteran backliners, 6-4 senior Bill Cunningham (4.9) and 6-2 sophomore Darryel Mayes (2.0). Or else, depth at the guards will be thinner than your wallet after a night out on the town gambling along the Vegas' Strip. Can I see a seven come eleven!

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Rebs got it together after a rocky start, keeping alive Coach Tarkanian's string of twenty-win seasons. It now stands at seven straight in Tark's seven years at UNLV, and there's every reason to believe it will rise to 8-for-8 this season. "El Sid" Green is as good a young forward as you'll find in college ball, with plen-

ty of front line help, while the backcourt will probably turn out okay with some time. Loyd, a 5-10 waterbug with hands any pickpocket would envy, will run the Runnin' Rebs like an excellent conductor is supposed to. Tark the Shark has another 20-plus game winner primed at UNLV, and if the mistakes of youth -- which this club has a preponderance of -- are held down, the Rebs could even surprise some people with how good they can play this game.

1980-81 College Basketball Schedule

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Bold-Home Game

AIR FORCE

N28	Fresno St	J24	**Texas-El Paso**
N29	Stanford	J30	Colorado St
D2	**Doane**	J31	Wyoming
D6	Texas Tech	F6	Utah
D9	**S Colorado**	F7	Brigham Young
D11	**San Diego**	F14	Nev-Las Vegas
D29	Blade Glass	F17	**Portland St.**
D30	Classic	F20	**Hawaii**
J2	**Brigham Young**	F21	**San Diego St**
J3	**Utah**	F27	Texas-El Paso
J10	**Nev-Las Vegas**	F28	New Mexico
J15	San Diego St.	M6	**Wyoming**
J17	Hawaii	M7	**Colorado St**
J22	**New Mexico**		

ALABAMA

N28	**N Iowa**	J21	Georgia
D1	**Wisconsin**	J24	Florida
D3	**S Florida**	J28	**Auburn**
D6	LaSalle	J31	Tennessee
D13	**Texas Tech**	F4	**Mississippi St**
D15	**W Carolina**	F7	Mississippi
D19	Cable Car	F11	Louisiana St
D20	Classic	F14	Kentucky
D27	Vanderbilt	F18	**Georgia**
J3	**Tennessee**	F21	**Florida**
J7	Mississippi St	F25	Auburn
J10	**Kentucky**	F28	**Vanderbilt**
J14	Mississippi	M4	Southeastern
J17	**Louisiana St**	M7	Conf. Tnt

ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

N15	**China**	J17	S Florida
N29	**Murray**	J24	Jacksonville
D3	**Butler**	J29	**S Florida**
D6	Mississippi	J31	**S Alabama**
D8	**Texas-Arlington**	F2	Georgia St
D11	**Roosevelt**	F5	**Georgia St**
D13	Pittsburgh	F7	DePaul
D16	**Missouri-Western**	F12	UNCC
D19	Kentucky	F14	Virginia Cmnwlth
D20	Invitational	F17	S Alabama
D23	Iowa St	F21	**UNCC**
D29	**UAB**	F24	**Samford**
D30	**Classic**	F27	Sun Belt
J3	**Jacksonville**	M1	Conf. Tnt
J10	Virginia Cmnwlth		

AMERICAN

N29	Rutgers	J24	**Lehigh**
D2	Maryland	J26	W Chester
D6	Harvard	J28	**Georgetown**
D8	**Gettysburg**	J31	St Joseph's
D13	Lafayette	F2	**William & Mary**
D17	**Geo. Washington**	F7	Hofstra
D20	**St Mary's**	F10	Navy
J2	Kiwanis-Old	F14	**LaSalle**
J3	Dominion Classic	F16	**Drexel**
J13	**Washington**	F18	**Towson St**
J14	**Delaware**	F21	Catholic
J17	**Bucknell**	F25	**Richmond**
J19	Rider	F28	Temple

ARIZONA, U of

N28	**Cal St-Hayward**	J16	**USC**
D1	**Fresno St**	J17	**UCLA**
D3	**Athletes in Action**	J24	Arizona St
D6	**Kansas St**	J30	Stanford
D9	Fresno St	J31	California
D12	**Cal-Riverside**	F6	**Washington St**
D20	**Charleston**	F7	**Washington**
D26	**Copper State**	F13	UCLA
D27	**Classic**	F14	USC
D30	**Grand Canyon**	F21	**Arizona St**
J3	**Oregon**	F27	**California**
J5	**Oregon St**	F28	**Stanford**
J8	Washington	M6	Oregon St
J10	Washington St	M7	Oregon

ARIZONA STATE U

N24	**Czechoslovakia**	J17	**USC**
D2	**US International**	J24	**Arizona**
D5	**Fiesta**	J30	California
D6	**Classic**	J31	Stanford
D8	**Kansas St**	F5	**Washington**
D13	New Mexico	F7	**Washington St**
D20	**OhioSt**	F13	USC
D22	**Illinois Wesleyan**	F14	UCLA
D29	Sugar Bowl	F21	Arizona
D30	Tournament	F28	**California**
J3	**Oregon St**	M2	**Stanford**
J5	**Oregon**	M5	Oregon
J8	Washington St	M7	Oregon St
J10	Washington	M14	NCAA
J16	**UCLA**	M30	Tournament

ARKANSAS, U of

N22	**Poland N'tl Team**	J17	Baylor
N28	Great Alaskan	J19	Houston
N30	Shootout	J24	**Texas A & M**
D3	**SW Missouri St**	J26	Rice
D6	Michigan	J28	**Texas Tech**
D9	**Athletes in Action**	F3	Texas
D13	**Oklahoma City**	F7	TCU
D16	**Centenary**	F10	**Baylor**
D20	**E Kentucky**	F14	**Houston**
D22	**S Mississippi**	F17	Texas A & M
D27	Kansas St	F21	**Rice**
D30	**Nebraska**	F24	**SMU**
J3	SMU	F28	Texas Tech
J7	**Alaska**	M2	SWC
J10	**TCU**	M7	Tournament
J12	**Texas**		

ARMY

N28	**RPI**	J17	Manhattan
D3	Merchant Marine	J19	**Penn St**
D6	Fairfield	J22	**St Francis, NY**
D8	**Northeastern**	J24	**Long Island**
D11	**Manhattanville**	J28	**Seton Hall**
D19	Cougar	F3	**Holy Cross**
D20	Classic	F7	Niagara
D29	Connecticut	F9	Fordham
D30	Classic	F12	Siena
J3	**C Connecticut**	F17	**Iona**
J5	**Fordham**	F21	**St Peter's**
J10	St Peter's	F23	Colgate
J13	**Yale**	F28	Navy

AUBURN

N17	**China N'tl Team**	J21	**LSU**
D1	**Towson St**	J24	Georgia
D3	**Tennessee**	J28	Alabama
D6	**Armstrong St**	J31	**Ole Miss**
D8	**Tennessee Tech**	F4	Kentucky
D13	**Eckerd College**	F7	**Florida**
D17	Florida St	F11	Vanderbilt
D20	Austin Peay	F14	**Mississippi St**
D29	Blade-Glass	F18	LSU
D30	Classic	F21	**Georgia**
J3	Ole Miss	F25	**Alabama**
J7	**Kentucky**	F28	Tennessee
J10	Florida	M4	SEC
J14	**Vanderbilt**	M7	Tournament
J17	Mississippi St		

BALL STATE

N29	Indiana	J21	Miami
D1	**Ferris St**	J24	**W Michigan**
D3	**Indiana Central**	J28	Ohio
D6	**Hillsdale**	J31	**C Michigan**
D9	Wisconsin	F4	Bowling Green
D13	**Indiana St**	F7	**Toledo**
D20	**Wayne St**	F11	Kent St
D22	Bradley	F14	**N Illinois**
D27	**Nebraska**	F18	**Miami**
J5	Butler	F21	W Michigan
J7	**W Michigan**	F25	**Ohio**
J10	Toledo	F28	C Michigan
J14	**Kent St**	M3	MAC
J17	N Illinois	M7	Tournament

BAYLOR

N19	**Australian Ntls**	J19	**Texas Tech**
N28	**St Edwards**	J24	Texas
D1	New Mexico St	J26	**Houston**
D5	**Wisconsin**	J28	Texas Christian
D6	**Texas A & I**	J31	Texas A & M
D12	Indiana	F3	**Rice**
D13	Classic	F7	**S Methodist**
D16	**Texas Arlington**	F10	Arkansas
D20	Oklahoma City	F14	Texas Tech
D22	Colorado	F17	**Texas**
J3	**Alaska**	F21	Houston
J6	**Texas A & M**	F28	**Texas Christian**
J10	S Methodist	M2	SWC
J13	Rice	M7	Tournament
J17	**Arkansas**		

BOSTON COLLEGE

N30	**Bentley**	J26	**Villanova**
D2	**New Hampshire**	J30	Colonial
D6	**Fordham**	J31	Classic
D10	Brown	F2	St John's
D13	Villanova	F4	**Lowell**
D29	Music City	F7	Connecticut
D30	Tournament	F11	**Providence**
J3	Providence	J14	Holy Cross
J7	Vermont	F18	Georgetown
J10	**Georgetown**	F21	**St John's**
J14	**Connecticut**	F25	Syracuse
J17	**Merrimack**	F28	**Seton Hall**
J21	**Syracuse**	M5	Big East
J24	Seton Hall	M7	Tournament

BOWLING GREEN

D1	**Findlay**	J21	**N Illinois**
D3	Wright St	J24	Eastern Michigan
D8	**Cornell**	J28	**Toledo**
D9	**Capital**	J31	Kent St
D13	Morehead St	F4	**Ball St**
D16	**Wooster**	F7	Western Michigan
D17	**Mississippi**	F11	**Ohio U**
D29	Maryland	F14	Central Michigan
D30	Invitational	F18	N Illinois
J7	Miami	F21	**Eastern Michigan**
J10	**Western Michigan**	F25	Toledo
J14	Ohio U	F28	**Kent St**
J17	**Central Michigan**	M3	MAC
J19	Ohio St	M7	Tournament

BRADLEY

N29	**Illinois**	J15	**Drake**
D4	Illinois St	J17	Creighton
D9	**Chicago St**	J19	**Tulsa**
D13	**Illinois-Wesleyan**	J24	S Illinois
D17	Cincinnati	J31	**New Mexico St**
D20	**Valparaiso**	F2	Drake
D22	**Ball St**	F7	**Creighton**
D26	Fighting Illini	F12	Wichita
D27	Classic	F14	Tulsa
D29	**Loyola**	F16	**S Illinois**
J3	**Indiana St**	F19	Indiana St
J8	W Texas St	F26	**Wichita St**
J10	New Mexico St	F28	**W Texas St**

BRIGHAM YOUNG

N25	**Czechoslovakia**	J16	New Mexico
N28	Washington	J17	Texas-El Paso
N29	Oregon St	J23	**Colorado St**
D6	Utah St	J24	**Wyoming**
D12	**Cougar**	J31	Utah
D12	**Cougar**	J31	Utah
D13	**Classic**	F6	**Nevada-Las Vegas**
D16	**Michigan St**	F7	**Air Force**
D19	Volunteer	F12	Hawaii
D20	Classic	F14	San Diego St
D23	Weber St	F20	**Texas-El Paso**
D27	**Utah St**	F21	**New Mexico**
J2	Air Force	F27	Wyoming
J3	Nevada-Las Vegas	F28	Colorado St
J9	**San Diego St**	M7	**Utah**
J10	**Hawaii**		

BROWN U

N29	**Northeastern**	J28	**Stonehill**
D3	**Rhode Island**	J31	Yale
D10	**Boston College**	F3	Rhode Island
D19	Iron Duke	F7	Dartmouth
D20	Classic	F10	**Yale**
D22	Missouri	F13	**Cornell**
D29	Fairfield	F14	**Columbia**
D30	Classic	F20	Penn
J3	**Providence**	F21	Princeton
J6	Harvard	F27	Columbia
J9	**Princeton**	F29	Cornell
J10	**Penn**	M6	**Dartmouth**
J26	New Hampshire	M7	**Harvard**

BUCKNELL

N28	Virginia	J26	**Gettysburg**
N29	Tournament	J28	**Delaware**
D6	**Carnegie-Mellon**	J31	West Chester
D8	LaSalle	F4	**Rider**
D10	**Lycoming**	F7	Lehigh
J2	Siena	F11	Lafayette
J3	Tournament	F14	Delaware
J5	**Dickinson**	F16	Temple
J7	**St Joseph's**	F18	**West Chester**
J10	**Hofstra**	F21	Rider

J12	Colgate	F25	**Lehigh**
J17	American	F28	**Lafayette**
J19	**Drexel**	M2	ECC
J24	**Bloomsburg St**	M7	Championships

CALIFORNIA, U of

D8	**UC San Diego**	J22	USC
D12	Hoosier	J24	UCLA
D13	Classic	J30	**Arizona St**
D17	**Cal St Dominguez**	J31	**Arizona**
D20	**Nevada-Reno**	F6	**Oregon St**
D22	**Seattle Pacific**	F7	**Oregon**
D27	**Chaminade**	F12	Washington
D29	**San Diego**	F14	Washington St
J3	**Stanford**	F20	**UCLA**
J6	**UC Santa Barbara**	F21	**USC**
J9	Oregon	F27	Arizona
J10	Oregon St	F28	Arizona St
J16	**Washington St**	M7	Stanford
J17	**Washington**		

CAL STATE-FULLERTON

N28	Portland	J24	**Utah St**
D1	**Portland St**	J29	UC-Santa Barbara
D6	**Michigan St**	J31	**UC-Santa Barbara**
D9	Loyola-Marymount	F5	Pacific
D13	**San Diego St**	F7	Fresno St
D15	Portland St	F11	**Fresno St**
D19	**Los Angeles**	F14	**Pacific**
D20	**Times Classic**	F19	Utah St
D26	Far West	F21	San Jose St
D29	Classic	F26	**Long Beach St**
J10	**Wisconsin**	F28	**UC-Irvine**
J15	UC-Irvine	M5	PCAA
J17	Long Beach St	M7	Tournament
J22	**San Jose St**		

CANISIUS

N29	**SUNY/Buffalo**	J17	**Detroit**
D1	**Baltimore**	J21	St Bonaventure
D6	Western Michigan	J24	Niagara
D10	Siena	J28	**St Francis, PA**
D13	**Duquesne**	J31	St Peter's
D17	**Buffalo St**	F2	St Francis, NY
D20	**Ohio U**	F7	Fairfield
D22	Creighton	F9	Colgate
D29	Rochester U	F16	**Robert Morris**
D30	B'ball Classic	F18	Dayton U
J3	**Syracuse**	F21	**Niagara**
J7	Cornell	F23	**Scranton U**
J10	**LaSalle**	F28	**St Bonaventure**

CENTRAL MICHIGAN

N19	**Windsor**	J17	Bowling
N27	MSU Tip-Off	J21	**E Michigan**
N28	Tournament	J24	Toledo
D3	**Grand Valley**	J28	**Kent St**
D6	**Quincy**	J31	Ball St
D8	**Valparaiso**	F4	**Miami**
D12	Tangerine Bowl	F7	Ohio
D13	Tournament	F11	N Illinois
D22	**Wittenberg**	F14	**Bowling Green**
D27	**Wis-Milwaukee**	F18	E Michigan
D31	Wisconsin	F21	Toledo
J3	**Baltimore**	F25	Kent St
J7	W Michigan	F28	**Ball St**
J10	**Ohio**	M3	Mid-American
J14	**N Illinois**	M7	Conf. Tnt

CINCINNATI, U of

N25	**Czechoslovakia**	J22	Duquesne
D1	**Rollins**	J24	St Louis
D5	Fiesta	J27	Tulane
D6	Classic	J31	**Memphis St**
D10	Miami	F3	Loyola
D13	Temple	F7	Memphis St
D17	**Bradley**	F10	**Tulane**
D20	**Holy Cross**	F14	Florida St
D22	Virginia Cmnwlth	F18	**Xavier**
D30	**Dayton**	F21	**St Louis**
J3	**Il-Chicago Circle**	F23	Louisville
J5	**Florida St**	F28	Virginia Tech
J10	**Louisville**	M5	Metro Conf
J12	**Boston U**	M7	Tournament
J17	**Virginia Tech**		

CLEMSON

N28	**IPTAY**	J19	**Virginia**
N29	**Tournament**	J21	**Georgia Tech**
D3	**Samford**	J24	Duke
D6	S Carolina	J28	**N Carolina**
D13	**Illinois Tech**	J31	Furman
D16	**W Virginia Tech**	F4	N Carolina St
D19	Milwaukee	F8	**S Carolina**
D20	Classic	F12	Maryland
D27	Rainbow	F18	**Wake Forest**
D30	Classic	F21	N Carolina
J3	**N Carolina St**	F25	**Duke**
J7	Georgia Tech	F28	**Baltimore**
J10	Wake Forest	M5	ACC
J14	**Citadel**	M7	Tournament
J17	**Maryland**		

COLGATE

N28	Alaska	J23	**Dartmouth**
N30	Shootout	J24	**Villanova**
D4	**RPI**	J28	Penn St
D6	Ohio St	F2	Lafayette
D8	Robert Morris	F4	New Hampshire
D21	Princeton	F6	**Binghamton**
D29	Syracuse	F9	**Canisius**
J2	Siena	F11	Niagara
J3	Tournament	F14	**Vermont**
J5	**Cornell**	F18	Hamilton
J10	Lehigh	F21	Vermont
J12	**Bucknell**	F23	**Army**
J17	**Catholic**	F26	**Siena**
J19	**Union**		

COLORADO, U of

N18	**Athletes in Action**	J21	Nebraska
N28	New Mexico	J24	Kansas
D3	Texas El-Paso	J28	**Oklahoma**
D6	**New Mexico St**	J31	Missouri
D8	**St Francis (IL)**	F4	**Iona St**
D13	Tennessee	F7	Kansas St
D16	**Adams St**	F11	**Nebraska**
D20	Colorado St	F14	**Oklahoma St**
D22	**Baylor**	F18	Oklahoma
D29	**SW Texas St**	F21	**Kansas**
D30	**Chapman (CA)**	F25	**Missouri**
J3	**Long Beach St**	F28	Iowa St
J7	**Wisconsin**	M3	Big Eight
J10	Oklahoma St	M7	Tournament
J17	**Kansas St**		

COLORADO STATE

N29	Purdue	J17	**Wyoming**
D1	Northwestern	J23	Brigham Young
D5	Shocker	J24	Utah
D6	Classic	J30	**Air Force**
D8	**Oklahoma St**	F5	**San Diego St**
D10	Idaho St	F7	**Hawaii**
D13	**S'thern Colorado**	F12	Texas-El Paso
D20	**Colorado**	F14	New Mexico
D22	Nebraska	F21	Wyoming
J2	Hawaii	F26	**Utah**
J5	San Diego St	F28	**Brigham Young**
J9	**New Mexico**	M6	Nevada-Las Vegas
J10	**Texas-El Paso**	M7	Air Force
J12	**Nevada-Las Vegas**		

COLUMBIA

N29	Syracuse	J30	Harvard
D1	**Brooklyn**	J31	Dartmouth
D5	Jersey	F6	**Pennsylvania**
D6	Classic	F7	**Princeton**
D10	**St John's**	F13	Yale
D29	Blade-Glass	F14	Brown
D30	City Tnt	F17	**Manhattan**
J2	Kiwanis-Old	F20	**Harvard**
J3	Dominion Tnt	F21	**Dartmouth**
J16	Cornell	F27	**Brown**
J19	Seton Hall	F28	**Yale**
J23	**Cornell**	M6	Princeton
J27	**Fordham**	M7	Pennsylvania

CONNECTICUT, U of

D6	Yale	J27	**Massachusetts**
D9	**Fairfield**	J29	**Rhode Island**
D11	**Maine**	J31	Manhattan
D13	Boston U	F4	Providence
D29	**Conn Mutual**	F7	**Boston College**
D30	**Classic**	F11	St. John's
J3	Rhode Island	F14	Syracuse
J5	**Syracuse**	F17	Seton Hall
J10	**Seton Hall**	F19	**Holy Cross**
J12	New Hampshire	**F21**	**Providence**
J14	Boston College	F23	**Villanova**
J17	**St. John's**	F28	Georgetown
J21	Villanova	M5	Big East
J24	**Georgetown**	M7	Playoffs

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

N28	IPTAY	J27	Notre Dame
N29	Tournament	J30	Dartmouth
D2	**Syracuse**	J31	Harvard
D5	Northwestern	F6	**Princeton**
D8	Bowling Green	F7	**Pennsylvania**
D28	**Hofstra**	F13	Brown
D30	S Methodist	F14	Yale
J2	**Niagara**	F20	**Dartmouth**
J5	Colgate	F21	**Harvard**
J7	**Canisius**	F27	**Yale**
J10	**Rochester**	F28	**Brown**
J16	**Columbia**	M6	Pennsylvania
J23	Columbia	M7	**Princeton**

CREIGHTON

N28	**Wisconsin-Superior**	J22	**Wichita St**
D2	**Nebraska-Omaha**	J24	**W Texas St**
D6	**Nebraska**	J31	Tulsa
D8	St Louis	F2	**S Illinois**
D10	**Loyola**	F5	**Indiana St**
D12	Iowa St	F7	Bradley
D22	**Canisius**	F9	DePaul
D27	S Florida	F14	**New Mexico St**
J3	**Tulsa**	F19	**Drake**
J8	S Illinois	F21	Wichita St
J10	Indiana St	F26	W Texas St
J15	**Marquette**	F28	New Mexico St
J17	**Bradley**	M3	Missouri Valley
J19	Drake	M7	Conf. Tnt

DARTMOUTH

N7	**Portuguese N'tl Team**	J31	**Columbia**
N29	Granite St Tip-Off	F4	**Vermont**
N30	Tournament	F7	**Brown**
D12	Manufacturers	F10	**Harvard**
D13	Classic	F13	Princeton
D22	**Colby**	F14	Pennsylvania
J7	**St Francis NY**	F20	Cornell
J10	New Hampshire	F21	Columbia
J14	**Williams**	F27	**Pennsylvania**
J17	**Yale**	F28	**Princeton**
J20	**Northeastern**	M3	Harvard
J23	Colgate	M6	Brown
J26	**Holy Cross**	M7	Yale
J30	**Cornell**		

DAYTON, U of

N29	**Rider**	J17	Loyola
D1	**San Francisco**	J21	LaSalle
D4	Miami	J24	**Marquette**
D6	E Kentucky	J31	Detroit
D9	**W Kentucky**	F4	**Butler**
D13	**Michigan**	F7	**Alcorn St**
D19	**Dayton**	F12	New Orleans
D20	**Tournament**	F14	**Biscayne**
D27	**Toledo**	F18	**Canisius**
D30	Cincinnati	F20	**Duquesne**
J3	**Yale**	F22	**Xavier**
J5	**Miami**	F28	Notre Dame
J10	Xavier	M4	**DePaul**
J15	St Louis		

DELAWARE, U of

N29	Drexel	J24	**Hofstra**
D3	George Mason	J28	Bucknell
D6	**Temple**	J31	Rider
D10	**Upsala**	F4	**Lehigh**
D13	**LaSalle**	F7	**Lafayette**
D19	W Virginia	F11	W Chester
D20	Classic	F14	**Bucknell**
J3	**Glassboro**	F18	**Rider**
J5	**Virginia**	F21	Lehigh
J8	Widener	F25	Lafayette
J14	American	F28	**W Chester**
J17	Navy	M2	ECC
J20	**St Joseph's**	M7	Tournament

DEPAUL

N22	Louisville	J13	**St. Louis**
D1	**Gonzaga**	J17	**Wagner**
D6	**Santa Clara**	J24	LaSalle
D8	**N Illinois**	J28	Illinois St
D13	Texas	F1	**Syracuse**
D16	N Texas St	F4	**Detroit**
D19	Chicagoland	F7	**Ala-Birmingham**
D20	Classic	F9	**Creighton**
D27	**UCLA**	F14	Evansville
D29	Cabrillo	F21	**Marquette**
D30	Classic	F23	Butler
J3	**Furman**	F28	Loyola
J6	Maine	M4	Dayton
J10	**Old Dominion**	M8	**Notre Dame**

DETROIT

N25	**Windsor**	J21	N. Michigan
N28	Michigan St.	J24	**Xavier**
N29	Invitational	J26	**Evansville**
D1	Iowa	J28	**Long Island**
D10	**Syracuse**	J31	**Dayton**
D13	Toledo	F2	**St. Bonaventure**
D17	**John Carroll**	F4	DePaul
D19	Duke	F7	Marquette
D20	Classic	F9	**Mid Tennessee St**
D22	New Orleans	F14	Butler
D27	**Lafayette**	F17	Duquesne
D30	Michigan	F21	**Illinois St**
J3	**Loyola**	M3	Midwestern City
J10	Oral Roberts	M8	Conf. Tnt
J12	Oklahoma City		

DRAKE

N5	**Blue-White Game**	J22	Indiana St
N18	**England**	J24	**Wichita St**
D2	**Augustana**	J26	Tulsa
D4	Iowa St	J31	**S Illinois**
D6	**Wisconsin-Parkside**	F2	**Bradley**
D11	**Knox**	F7	Wichita St
D13	**Iowa**	F9	W Texas St
D20	**Georgetown**	F14	**Indiana St**
D26	Far West	F16	**New Mexico St**
F29	Classic	F19	Creighton
J6	Oral Roberts	F21	**Tulsa**
J8	New Mexico St	F28	S Illinois
J10	**W Texas St**	M3	MVC
J15	Bradley	M7	Tournament
J19	**Creighton**		

DREXEL

N29	**Delaware**	J24	**Lafayette**
D2	Long Island	J28	**Fairleigh Dickinson**
D13	West Chester	J31	Maine
D15	**St Francis**	F2	Niagara
D21	US International	F7	Temple
D28	USC	F11	St Joseph's
J3	**Catholic**	F14	Penn St
J7	**Marist**	F16	American
J10	**Boston U**	F21	Hofstra

J14	Lehigh	F25	**LaSalle**
J17	Northeastern	F28	Wagner
J19	Bucknell	M2	East Coast
J21	**Rider**	M7	Conf. Tnt

DUKE

N18	**Polish N'tl Team**	J19	**George Mason**
N29	**Stetson**	J21	N C State
D2	S Florida	J24	**Clemson**
D5	Big Four	J27	Rutgers
D6	Tournament	J31	Virginia
D9	Vanderbilt	F4	Georgia Tech
D12	**Virginia**	F7	**Maryland**
D19	**Iron Duke**	F14	Wake Forest
D20	**Classic**	F19	**N C State**
D22	**Pennsylvania**	F21	**Georgia Tech**
D29	Sugar Bowl	F25	Clemson
D30	Tournament	F28	**N Carolina**
J10	Maryland	M5	ACC
J14	**Wake Forest**	M7	Tournament
J17	N Carolina		

DUQUESNE

D2	**Indiana**	J24	**Stetson**
D6	Rhode Island	J28	St Bonaventure
D9	**Old Dominion**	F1	**St Francis**
D11	**Robert Morris**	F4	Pittsburgh
D13	Canisius	F7	Massachusetts
D19	Golden Gate	F9	**W Virginia**
D20	Invitational Tnt	F11	LaSalle
D22	San Jose St	F15	**Pittsburgh**
J8	**Geo. Washington**	F17	**Detroit**
J12	W Virginia	F20	Dayton
J15	**Massachusetts**	F22	**St Bonaventure**
J17	Geo. Washington	F25	Rutgers
J20	**Rutgers**	M3	EAA
J22	**Cincinnati**	M7	Tournament

EAST TENNESSEE ST

N29	Kentucky	J19	VMI
D1	**UNC-Asheville**	J24	**Citadel**
D6	**Davidson**	J26	Appalachian St
D10	**Virginia Tech**	J31	**UT-Chattanooga**
D16	**Tennessee Tech**	F4	Davidson
D19	W Virginia U	F7	**Marshall**
D20	Tournament	F9	UT-Chattanooga
D30	Florida	F12	**Liberty Baptist**
J3	**S Carolina**	F14	**W Carolina**
J7	**VMI**	F16	Citadel
J10	W Carolina	F19	**Appalachian St**
J14	**Furman**	F21	Morehead St
J17	Marshall	F24	Furman

EASTERN MICHIGAN

N29	Michigan	J24	**Bowling Green**
D1	**Grand Valley**	J28	**N Illinois**
D5	Wisconsin	J31	Toledo
D6	Invitational	F4	**Kent St**
D9	Cleveland St	F11	Miami
D13	Michigan St	F11	**W Michigan**
D23	Wayne St	F14	Ohio
J2	Siena	F18	**C Michigan**
J3	Tournament	F21	Bowling Green
J7	Ball St	F25	N Illinois
J10	**Miami**	F28	**Toledo**
J14	W Michigan	M3	Mid-American
J17	**Ohio**	M7	Tournament
J21	C Michigan		

FAIRFIELD

N28	Iptay	J19	**Boston**
N29	Tournament	J21	**Montclair St**
D3	**Bridgeport**	J24	Fordham
D6	**Army**	J27	**Yale**
D9	Connecticut	J31	Iona
D11	**Stonehill**	F3	St Peter's
D22	Seton Hall	F7	**Canisius**
D29	**New Haven**	F11	**Fordham**
D30	**Tournament**	F13	**US International**
J2	**Boys' Club**	F16	Notre Dame
J3	**Classic**	F21	Rutgers
J13	Holy Cross	F24	Fairleigh Dickinson
J17	**St Peter's**	F28	**Manhattan**

FLORIDA

N29	Biscayne	J24	**Alabama**
D6	**Mississippi St**	J26	**Florida St**
D13	Florida St	J28	**Vanderbilt**
D18	**Florida S'thern**	**J31**	Louisiana St
D20	**Missouri Western**	F4	**Georgia**
D26	Gator Bowl	F7	Auburn
D27	Tournament	F11	**Tennessee**
D30	**E Tennessee**	F14	Mississippi
J3	**Louisiana St**	F18	**Kentucky**
J7	Georgia	F21	Alabama
J10	**Auburn**	F25	Vanderbilt
J14	Tennessee	F28	Mississippi St
J17	**Mississippi**	M4	SEC
J21	Kentucky	M7	Tournament

FLORIDA STATE

N28	**Central Florida**	J24	**Tulane**
D2	Minnesota	J26	Florida
D6	**Jacksonville**	J31	Tulane
D13	**Florida**	F4	St Louis
D17	Auburn	F7	**Louisville**
D19	Cotton States	F9	**St Louis**
D20	Tournament	F14	**Cincinnati**
D30	**S Carolina**	F16	**Virginia Tech**
J3	**Memphis St**	F18	S Carolina
J5	Cincinnati	F21	**Florida A & M**
J7	**Old Dominion**	F28	Memphis St
J12	Virginia Tech	M1	Marquette
J17	Louisville	M5	Metro
J20	Jacksonville	M7	Conf. Tnt

FRESNO STATE

N28	**Air Force**	J17	San Jose St
N29	**Portland St**	J22	**Cal St-Long Beach**
D1	Arizona	J24	**Cal-Irvine**
D4	**St Mary's**	J29	**Pacific**
D6	Boise St	J31	Pacific
D9	**Arizona**	F5	**Cal-Santa Barbara**
D19	**Sunmet Classic**	F7	**Cal St-Fullerton**
D20	**Tournament**	F11	Cal St-Fullerton
D22	**Cal-Davis**	F14	Cal-Santa Barbara
D29	S Illinois	F19	Cal-Irvine
D31	Kansas St	F21	Cal St-Long Beach
J3	**Cal-San Diego**	F26	**San Jose St**
J15	Utah St	F28	**Utah St**

FURMAN

N29	**Baptist**	J21	**Appalachian St**
D3	Virginia Military	J24	**Tenn-Chatt.**
D13	Appalachian St	J26	The Citadel
D17	**W Carolina**	J31	**Clemson**
D19	Palmetto B'ball	F2	**UNC-Asheville**
D20	Classic	F6	N Carolina St
D29	S Florida	F7	N Carolina
J2	Tenn-Chattanooga	F11	S Carolina
J3	DePaul	F14	Davidson
J7	**The Citadel**	F18	W Carolina
J10	**Virginia Military**	F21	**Marshall**
J14	E Tennessee St	F24	E Tennessee St
J17	Davidson	F28	Southern
J19	Marshall	M7	Conf. Tnt

GEORGE WASHINGTON

D3	**Richmond**	J24	**Pittsburgh**
D5	Morehead St	J28	**Mt St Mary's**
D6	Tournament	F1	Virginia Tech
D13	**Georgetown**	F4	Massachusetts
D17	American U	F7	**Rutgers**
D20	**St Bonaventure**	F11	**Rhode Island**
D30	**George Mason**	F14	St Bonaventure
J8	Duquesne	F16	**Navy**
J10	W Virginia	F18	Pittsburgh
J12	**Catholic U**	F21	**Massachusetts**
J14	Rutgers	F23	Towson St
J17	Duquesne	F28	**W Virginia**
J19	**St Francis (PA)**	M3	Eastern Eight
J21	Virginia	M7	Tournament

GEORGETOWN

N28	Great Alaskan	J24	Connecticut
N30	Shootout	J31	Nevada-Las Vegas
D6	**Nevada-Reno**	F4	**Villanova**
D20	Drake	F7	St John's
D29	Cabrillo	F9	Syracuse
D30	Classic	F14	**Seton Hall**
J3	**Penn**	F18	**Boston College**
J7	St John's	F21	Villanova
J10	Boston College	F25	Providence
J14	Seton Hall	F28	**Connecticut**
J17	**Syracuse**	M5	Big East
J21	**Providence**	M7	Tournament

GEORGIA, U of

N29	**Troy St**	J21	**Alabama**
D6	Georgia Tech	J24	**Auburn**
D12	Oil Capital	J28	Tennessee
D13	Classicc	J31	**Kentucky**
D16	**Carson-Newman**	F4	Florida
D19	Cotton States	F7	**Vanderbilt**
D20	Classic	F11	Mississippi St
D23	**Ole Miss**	F14	**LSU**
D30	**Georgia Tech**	F18	Alabama
J3	Kentucky	M21	Auburn
J7	**Florida**	F25	**Tennessee**
J10	Vanderbilt	F28	Ole Miss
J14	**Mississippi St**	M4	SEC
J17	LSU	M7	Tournament

GEORGIA STATE

N28	**Clinch Valley**	J24	**S Florida**
N29	**USC-Spartanburg**	J26	**UNCC**
D6	**Georgia S'thern**	F2	**Alabama-Birming**
D13	Austin Peay	F5	Alabama-Birming
D15	**Mercer**	F7	New Orleans
D17	UNCC	F9	**S Alabama**
D20	Virginia Cmnwlth	F12	**Jacksonville**
D22	Middle Tennessee	F14	**New Orleans**
J3	NE Louisiana	F19	Florida S'thern
J7	Jacksonville	F21	S Florida
J10	S Alabama	F24	Old Dominion
J14	Georgia S'thern	F27	Sun Belt
J17	Mercer	M1	Conf. Tnt
J19	**Virginia Cmnwlth**		

GEORGIA TECH

N28	**W Carolina**	J17	**Virginia**
D1	**Flagler**	J21	Clemson
D2	**U of the South**	J24	N Carolina
D6	**Georgia**	J28	**N Carolina St**
D17	**Presbyterian**	J31	Maryland
D20	**Wofford**	F4	**Duke**
D23	**Maryland**	F7	**Wake Forest**
D26	Gator Bowl	F11	**Troy St**
D27	Tournament	F14	**Baptist**
D30	F16	1	Virginia
J3	Wake Forest	F21	Duke
J7	**Clemson**	F25	**N Carolina**
J10	N Carolina St	M5	ACC
J12	**Newberry**	M7	Tournament

GONZAGA

N14	**Athletes in Action**	J17	St Mary's
N28	**Carroll**	J22	**Pepperdine**
D1	DePaul	J24	**Loyola**
D6	**Idaho**	J29	Santa Clara
D9	Weber St	J31	San Diego
D13	Washington St	F3	**W Montana**
D19	Championship	F7	Portland
D20	Int'l Tnt	F12	**Santa Clara**
D23	**Cent Washington**	F14	**San Diego**
J2	**Witworth**	F20	Loyola
J5	**E Washington**	F21	Pepperdine
J7	**Lewis & Clark**	F26	**St Mary's**
J12	Portland St	F28	**San Francisco**
J16	San Francisco	M7	**Portland**

HARVARD

N29	**Brandeis**	F3	**Yale**
D1	**MIT**	F7	**Merrimack**
D3	Massachusetts	F10	Dartmouth
D6	**American**	F13	Pennsylvania
D8	Catholic	F14	Princeton
D11	**Holy Cross**	F17	**Northeastern**
D13	**New Hampshire**	F20	Columbia
D29	Texas	F21	Cornell
J6	**Brown**	F27	**Princeton**
J10	**Manhattan**	F28	**Pennsylvania**
J13	**St Anselm's**	M3	**Dartmouth**
J30	**Columbia**	M6	Yale
J30	**Cornell**	M7	Brown

HAWAII, U of

N24	**Athletes in Action**	J24	**Elon**
D6	**San Francisco**	J30	Texas-El Pso
D12	**McNeese St**	J31	New Mexico
D18	**Chaminade**	F5	Wyoming
D23	**Ozarks**	F7	Colorado St
D27	**Rainbow**	F12	**Brigham Young**
D30	**Classic**	F14	**Utah**
J2	**Colorado St**	F20	Air Force
J5	**Wyoming**	F21	Nevada-Las Vegas
J8	Utah	F24	San Diego St
J10	Brigham Young	F28	**San Diego St**
J15	**Nev-Las Vegas**	M5	**New Mexico**
J17	**Air Force**	M7	**Texas-El Paso**

HOFSTRA

D1	**Dowling**	J24	Delaware
D3	F'leigh Dickinson	J28	S Carolina
D6	**Lafayette**	J31	TBA
D9	Lehigh	F4	Temple
D12	Tangerine	F7	**American U**
D13	Bowl	F9	**W Chester St**
D20	Wagner	F11	**Manhattan**
D28	Cornell	F14	Niagara
D30	**St Francis (NY)**	F18	**St Joseph's**
J3	**Marist**	F21	**Drexel**
J7	**Rider**	F25	**Holy Cross**
J10	Bucknell	F28	**Long Island**
J14	LaSalle	M2	E Coast Playoffs
J17	Notre Dame		

HOLY CROSS

N28	**Yale**	J24	**Massachusetts**
D3	**Navy**	J26	Dartmouth
D5	**Worcester County**	J31	**Davidson**
D6	**National Classic**	F3	Army
D11	Harvard	F7	Rhode Island
D20	Cincinnati	F12	New Hampshire
D22	**Manhattan**	F14	**Boston College**
D29	Las Vegas	F18	Connecticut
D30	Classic	F21	Fordham
J6	**Xavier**	F25	Hofstra
J13	**Fairfield**	F28	**Providence**
J17	Iona	M5	ECAC
J20	**St Peter's**	M7	Tournament

HOUSTON, U of

N28	**Texas A & I**	J17	**Lamar**
D1	**Southern Cal**	J19	**Arkansas**
D6	Biscayne	J24	**TCU**
D9	**Texas Wesleyan**	J26	Baylor
D13	**Pan American**	J28	**Texas A & M**
D16	**Pepperdine**	J31	Texas Tech
D19	**Cougar Cage**	F3	**SMU**
D20	**Classic**	F7	**Texas**
D23	Nevada-Reno	F14	Arkansas
D27	Alaska-Anchorage	F17	TCU
D29	Alaska-Anchorage	F21	**Baylor**
J3	Rice	F24	**Rice**
J6	**Texas Tech**	F27	Texas A & M
J10	Texas	M2	SWC
J13	SMU	M7	Tournament

ILLINOIS, U of

N29	**Loyola-Marymount**	J24	**Wisconsin**
D6	**Texas Christian**	J29	Michigan St
D10	Missouri	J31	**Iowa**
D13	Marquette	F5	**Ohio St**
D19	Volunteer	F7	Iowa
D20	Classic	F12	Wisconsin
D26	**Illini**	F14	Ohio St
D27	**Classic**	F19	**Michigan**
J3	**SIU-Edwardsville**	F21	**Michigan St**
J8	Northwestern	F26	Minnesota
J10	Indiana	F28	Purdue
J15	**Purdue**	M5	**Indiana**
J17	**Minnesota**	M7	**Northwestern**
J22	Michigan		

ILLINOIS ST

N29	**Carthage**	J22	McNeese St
D1	**Mississippi St**	J24	Oral Roberts
D4	**Bradley**	J28	**DePaul**
D8	Pepperdine	J31	**E Illinois**
D12	**Syracuse**	F3	**Cleveland St**
D15	Indiana St	F9	N Iowa
D19	Marquette	F14	**Pan American**
D20	Classic	F16	**Valparaiso**
D22	**Pepperdine**	F19	**S Alabama**
J3	N Illinois	F21	Detroit
J7	**Quincy**	F23	Cleveland St
J13	Loyola	F28	**E Carolina**
J17	**W Illinois**	M4	**N Iowa**
J19	Valparaiso		

INDIANA

N29	**Ball St**	J22	**Iowa**
D1	**Murray St**	J24	Northwestern
D6	**Kentucky**	J29	Minnesota
D9	Notre Dame	J31	**Purdue**
D12	**Indiana**	F5	**Wisconsin**
D13	**Classic**	F7	Purdue
D15	Oral Roberts	F12	**Northwestern**
D20	N Carolina	F14	Wisconsin
D23	Kansas St	F19	Iowa
D27	Rainbow	F21	**Minnesota**
D30	Classic	F26	**Ohio St**
J8	**Michigan St**	F28	**Michigan**
J10	**Illinois**	M5	Illinois
J15	Michigan	M7	Michigan St
J17	Ohio St		

INDIANA STATE

N29	Tennessee Tech	J22	**Drake**
D3	**Penn St**	J24	New Mexico St
D6	Evansville	J26	Wichita St
D9	**Auburn**	F2	**New Mexico St**
D13	Ball St	F5	Creighton
D15	**Illinois St**	F7	**S Illinois**
D20	**Pepperdine**	F12	**W Texas St**
D22	**Butler**	F14	Drake
D31	**Alabama**	F19	**Bradley**
J3	Bradley	F21	W Texas St
J5	**Baltimore**	F23	Tulsa
J10	**Creighton**	F28	**Wichita St**
J15	S Illinois	M3	MVC
J17	**Tulsa**	M7	Tournament

IOWA, U of

N29	Northern Illinois	J24	**Minnesota**
D1	**Detroit**	J29	**Purdue**
D5	Sun Devil	J31	Illinois
D6	Classic	F5	Northwestern
D9	**Nevada-Reno**	F7	**Illinois**
D13	Drake	F12	Minnesota
D20	Northern Iowa	F14	**Northwestern**
J3	**Wisconsin**	F19	**Indiana**
J8	**Ohio St**	F21	Purdue
J10	**Michigan St**	F26	**Michigan**
J15	Wisconsin	F28	**Wisconsin**
J17	Michigan	M5	Michigan St
J22	Indiana	M7	Ohio St

IOWA STATE

D1	Vanderbilt	J19	St Louis
D4	**Drake**	J21	**Oklahoma**
D6	**N Iowa**	J24	Oklahoma St
D9	S Methodist	J31	**Kansas St**
D12	**Creighton**	F4	Colorado
D20	Iowa	F7	**Missouri**
D23	Alabama - B'ham	F11	Oklahoma
D29	Elm City	F14	**Kansas**
D30	Classic	F18	Nebraska
J5	**Wisconsin - P'side**	F21	Oklahoma St
J10	**W Illinois**	F25	Kansas St
J14	Kansas	F28	**Colorado**
J17	Missouri		

IRVINE

N29	**VMI**	J17	**UC San. Barbara**
D6	Nev-Las Vegas	J22	Pacific
D11	**IL-Chicago Circle**	J24	Fresco St
D13	Stanford	J29	Cal St L Beach
D15	**W Washington**	J31	**Cal St L Beach**
D19	Golden Gate	F5	**San Jose St**
D20	Classic	F7	**Utah St**
D22	**Missouri**	F12	Utah St
D29	KOA	F14	San Jose St
D30	Classic	F19	**Fresno St**
J3	**Portland St**	F21	**Pacific**
J10	**San Diego**	F26	UC San. Barbara
J15	**Cal St Fullerton**	F28	Cal St Fullerton

JACKSONVILLE

N29	Wake Forest	J17	S Alabama
D2	**Eckerd**	J20	**Florida St**
D6	Florida St	J24	**Alabama-Birmingham**
D9	**Florida A & M**	J27	**S Alabama**
D13	St Joseph's	J29	Virginia Cmnwlth
D16	**S Florida**	F3	Stetson
D19	Dayton	F7	S Florida
D20	Tournament	F10	UNCC
D26	**Gator**	F12	Georgia St
D27	**Bowl**	F17	**Stetson**
J3	Alabama-Birmingham	F21	**Virginia Cmnwlth**
J5	**UNCC**	F23	**Baptist**
J7	**Georgia St**	F27	Sun Belt
J10	**St. Joseph's**	M1	Conf. Tnt

KANSAS, U of

N29	Nevada-Reno	J21	**Missouri**
D1	**Pepperdine**	J24	**Colorado**
D3	**Michigan**	J28	Kansas St
D6	**Oral Roberts**	J31	Nebraska
D9	**Morehead St**	F4	Oklahoma St
D13	Kentucky	F7	**Oklahoma**
D20	**S California**	F11	Missouri
D22	S Methodist	F14	Iowa St
D30	**Rollins**	F18	**Kansas St**
J3	**N Carolina**	F21	Colorado
J6	Memphis St	F25	**Nebraska**
J10	**Iona**	F28	**Oklahoma St**
J14	**Iowa St**	M3	Big Eight
J17	Oklahoma	M7	Tournament

KANSAS ST

N29	**N Iowa**	J17	Colorado
D1	**S Dakota**	J21	**Oklahoma St**
D6	Arizona	J24	Oklahoma
D8	Arizona St	J28	**Kansas**
D13	Wisconsin-Parkside	J31	Iowa St
D20	**US International**	F4	**Missouri**
D23	**Indiana**	F7	**Colorado**
D27	**Arkansas**	F11	Oklahoma St
D31	**Fresno St**	F14	**Nebraska**
J3	**Louisville**	F18	Kansas
J6	**Oklahoma City**	F21	**Oklahoma**
J10	**E Illinois**	F25	**Iowa St**
J14	Nebraska	F28	Missouri

KENT STATE

N29	**Capital**	J21	W Michigan
D5	Carrier	J24	**Ohio**
D6	Classic	J28	C Michigan
D10	Michigan	J31	**Bowling Green**
D15	Niagara	F4	E Michigan
D18	**Cleveland St**	F7	**N Illinois**
D20	**Akron**	F11	**Ball St**
D27	All-College	F14	Miami
D30	Tournament	F18	**W-Michigan**
J7	**Toledo**	F21	Ohio
J10	N Illinois	F25	**C Michigan**
J14	Ball St	F28	Bowling Green
J17	**Miami**	M3	MAC Tnt

KENTUCKY, U of

N29	**E Tennessee St**	J21	**Florida**
D3	**Ohio St**	J24	Vanderbilt
D6	Indiana	J28	**Mississippi St**
D13	**Kansas**	J31	Georgia
D19	**Kentucky**	F4	**Auburn**
D20	**Invitational**	F7	Tennessee
D27	Notre Dame	F11	Mississippi
D30	**Maine**	F14	**Alabama**
J3	**Georgia**	F18	Florida
J7	Auburn	F21	**Vanderbilt**
J10	**Tennessee**	F25	Mississippi St
J14	**Mississippi**	M1	**Louisiana St**
J17	Alabama	M4	Southeastern
J19	Louisiana St	M7	Conf. Tnt

LAFAYETTE

N28	Virginia	J28	Rider
N29	Tipoff Tnt	J31	**Lehigh**
D3	**Drew**	F2	**Colgate**
D6	Hofstra	F4	W Chester St
D9	Tennessee	F7	Delaware
D13	**American**	F11	**Bucknell**
D27	Detroit	F14	**Rider**
J4	LaSalle	F18	Lehigh
J5	Penn St	F21	**W Chester St**
J7	Moravian	F25	**Delaware**
J13	**St Joseph's**	F28	Bucknell
J17	**Temple**	M2	East Coast
J21	**Navy**	M7	Conf. Tnt
J24	Drexel		

LA SALLE

D3	**Vermont**	J17	Rider
D6	**Alabama**	J19	W Chester St
D8	**Bucknell**	J21	**Dayton**
D10	**Xavier (O)**	J24	**DePaul**
D13	Delaware	J26	Lehigh
D20	**Villanova**	J31	**St Joseph's**
D29	Cabrillo	F4	Notre Dame
D30	Classic	F11	**Duquesne**
J3	**Lafayette**	F14	American
J7	Missouri	F17	**Penn**
J10	Canisius	F21	**Temple**
J12	Niagara	F25	Drexel
J14	**Hofstra**	F28	Rhode Island

LEHIGH

N29	**Moravian**	J26	**LaSalle**
D1	**Lebanon Valley**	J28	**W Chester**
D4	Temple	J31	Lafayette
D6	Navy	F4	Delaware
D9	**Hofstra**	F7	**Bucknell**
J3	**Lycoming**	F11	Rider
J7	**Albright**	F14	W Chester
J10	**Colgate**	F16	St Joseph's
J14	**Drexel**	F18	**Lafayette**
J17	Seton Hall	F21	**Delaware**
J21	**F.D. Madison**	F25	Bucknell
J24	American	F28	**Rider**

LONG BEACH STATE

N28	**Athletes in Action**	J22	Fresno St
D1	**Idaho St**	J24	Pacific
D4	**Michigan St**	J29	**UC-Irvine**
D6	Texas	J31	UC-Irvine
D8	Wichita St	F5	**Utah St**
D11	**Santa Clara**	F7	**San Jose St**
D19	Los Angeles	F12	San Jose St
D20	Times Tnt	F14	Utah St
D27	**San Diego St**	F19	**Pacific**
D30	**US International**	F21	**Fresno St**
J3	Colorado	F26	Cal St-Fullerton
J5	Weber ST	F28	UC-Santa Barbara
J10	Pepperdine	M5	PCAA
J15	**UC-Santa Barbara**	M7	Tournament
J17	**Cal St-Fullerton**		

LONG ISLAND U

N28	**Pratt Institute**	J24	Army
N29	**Southampton**	J28	Detroit
D2	**Drexel**	F2	**Siena**
D6	Iona	F5	Northeastern
D8	**C.W. Post**	F7	**Fairleigh Dickinson**
D13	**Wagner**	F11	**St Peter's**
D17	Manhattan	F16	Rutgers
D20	**Arkansas**	F19	**Catholic U**
D27	All College	F21	Baltimore
D20	Tournament	F25	**Fordam**
J3	**Florida Southern**	F28	Hofstra
J8	**Towson St U**	M5	ECAC Metropolitan
J14	**St Francis**	M7	NY-NJ Playoffs

LOUISVILLE, U of

N22	DePaul	J29	**St Louis**
D4	Tulsa	J31	**Virginia Tech**
D6	Oklahoma St	F2	**US International**
D13	**Maryland**	F4	**Tulane**
D20	**Utah**	F7	Florida St
D22	**Minnesota**	F9	Virgnia Tech
D29	Winston Tire	F14	Marquette
D30	Classic	F16	**Memphis St**
J3	Kansas St	F18	**Iona**
J5	Tulane	F23	**Cincinnati**
J10	Cincinnati	F25	St Louis
J17	**Florida St**	F28	**W Kentucky**
J18	**Missouri**	M5	**Metro**
J22	Memphis St	M7	**Conf. Tnt**
J27	**Providence**		

LOYOLA (CHICAGO)

N29	**Loras**	J21	**Oral Roberts**
D5	**Minnesota**	J24	**Oklahoma City**
D9	Creighton	J28	Valparaiso
D13	**Valparaiso**	J31	Butler
D16	**Toledo**	F3	**Cincinnati**
D19	Chicagoland	F7	Oral Roberts
D20	Classic	F9	Oklahoma City
D29	Bradley	F12	**Butler**
J3	Detroit	F14	Xavier
J5	Canisius	F21	**Evansville**
J10	Evansville	F24	Marquette
J13	**Illinois St**	F24	DePaul
J13	**Illinois St.**	F28	DePaul
J17	**Dayton**	M6	Tournament
J19	**Xavier**		

LSU

N13	**Czechoslovakia**	J21	Auburn
N28	Great Alaskan	J24	**Tennessee**
N30	Shootout	J28	Mississippi
D6	**Tulane**	J31	**Florida**
D13	**Nev-Las Vegas**	F4	Vanderbilt
D18	New Orleans	F7	**Mississippi St**
D20	Tulane	F11	**Alabama**
D22	Xavier	F14	Georgia
D29	**N Carolina**	F18	**Auburn**
D30	**St Francis**	F21	Tennessee
J3	Florida	F22	**Texas A & M**
J7	**Vanderbilt**	F25	**Mississippi**
J10	Mississippi St	F28	Kentucky
J14	Alabama	M4	SEC
J17	**Georgia**	M7	Tournament
J19	**Kentucky**		

MAINE

N28	**Texas A & M**	J16	**Tennessee St**
D3	**E Carolina**	J23	Vermont
D6	**Siena**	J24	Vermont
D9	**New Hampshire**	J28	**St Michaels**

D11	Connecticut	J31	**Drexel**
D19	Champion	F3	Boston U
D20	Classic	F7	**Villanova**
D26	Pro-Specs	F9	New Hampshire
D27	Classic	F14	UNC-Wilmington
D30	Kentucky	F16	Fairleigh Dickinson
J2	**E Kentucky**	F21	**Marist**
J6	DePaul	F25	Temple
J12	**Towson St**	F27	**Delaware St**

MANHATTAN COLLEGE

N29	**Dowling**	J20	Yale
D3	**St. John's**	J24	**Temple**
D6	**Brooklyn**	J31	**Connecticut**
D10	**Wagner**	F3	**Rutgers**
D13	Princeton	F7	**St Peter's**
D17	**Long Island U**	F11	Hofstra
D20	**Seton Hall**	F14	**Siena**
D22	Holy Cross	F17	Columbia
J3	F.D.U.	F19	Fordham
J7	**Manhattanville**	F21	**Navy**
J10	Harvard	F23	St. Francis
J15	S Carolina	F26	Iona
J17	**Army**	F28	Fairfield

MARQUETTE U

N15	Athletes in Action	J22	Xavier
D1	**Charlestown**	J24	Dayton
D6	**Stanford**	J29	Cleveland St
D13	**Illinois**	F1	Wake Forest
D17	Minnesota	F5	St Bonaventure
D19	**Milwaukee**	F7	**Detroit**
D20	**Classic**	F10	**Xavier**
D23	**W Michigan**	F14	**Louisville**
D27	Rainbow	F17	UNC-Charlotte
D30	Classic	F21	DePaul
J7	**S Mississippi**	F24	**Loyola**
J10	**Notre Dame**	F26	**Valparaiso**
J13	**Memphis St**	F28	Florida St
J15	Creighton	M4	**Stetson**
J17	**S Carolina**	M10	Wisconsin

MARYLAND, U of

N28	**Navy**	J17	Clemson
D2	**American**	J20	**UM-Eastern Shore**
D5	Carrier	J24	**Notre Dame**
D6	Classic	J27	Pittsburgh
D10	**Fairleigh Dickinson**	J31	**Georgia Tech**
D13	Louisville	F4	Wake Forest
D20	**N Carolina St**	F7	Duke
D23	Georgia Tech	F12	**Clemson**
D29	**Maryland**	F15	**N Carolina**
D30	**Invitational**	F21	**Wake Forest**
J3	**William & Mary**	F25	N Carolina St
J7	N Carolina	F28	Virginia
J10	**Duke**	M5	ACC
J14	**Virginia**	M7	Tournament

MASSACHUSETTS, U of

N29	Providence	J17	West Virginia
D3	**Harvard**	J22	**Rhode Island**
D6	**St. Bonaventure**	J27	Connecticut
D9	**Bryant**	J30	Colonial
D12	Manufacturers	J31	Classic
D13	Hanover Classic	F4	**George Washington**
D20	**AIC**	F7	**Duquesne**
D23	Pittsburgh	F10	**Rutgers**
J3	**West Virginia**	F12	Northeastern
J5	St. Bonaventure	F18	**Boston U**
J8	Rutgers	F21	George Washington
J10	**Bentley**	F24	**Pittsburgh**
J15	Duquesne	F26	New Hampshire

MEMPHIS STATE

N28	**Metro**	J19	**Tulane**
N29	**Doubleheader**	J22	**Louisville**
D4	SW Louisiana	J24	**Virginia Tech**
D6	**S Mississippi**	J31	Cincinnati
D13	**Arkansas St**	F2	Murray St
D18	**Delta St**	F7	**Cincinnati**
D20	Livingston U	F11	S Mississippi
D23	Vanderbilt	F16	Louisville
D30	Ole Miss	F19	St Louis
J3	Florida St	F21	Virginia Tech
J6	**Kansas**	F23	**Penn St**
J9	Tulane	F28	**Florida St**
J13	Marquette	M5	Metro
M17	**St Louis**	J7	Conf. Tnt

MIAMI U

D1	Wright St	J24	N Illinois
D4	**Dayton**	J28	W Michigan
D6	**Wittenberg**	J31	**Ohio**
D10	**Cincinnati**	F4	C Michigan
D13	Xavier	F7	**E Michigan**
D20	Cleveland St	F11	Toledo
D28	Sun Bowl	F14	**Kent St**
D29	Carnival	F18	Ball St
J5	Dayton	F21	**N Illinois**
J7	**Bowling Green**	F25	**W Michigan**
J10	E Michigan	F28	Ohio
J14	**Toledo**	M3	Mid-American
J17	Kent St	M7	Conf. Tnt
J21	**Ball St**		

MICHIGAN, U of

N24	**Windsor**	J24	Ohio St
N29	**E Michigan**	J29	Northwestern
D3	Kansas	J31	Wisconsin
D6	**Arkansas**	F5	**Michigan St**
D8	**Kent St**	F7	**Wisconsin**
D13	Dayton	F12	**Ohio St**
D20	**W Michigan**	F14	Michigan St
D30	Detroit	F19	Illinois
J3	N Michigan	F21	**Northwestern**
J8	Purdue	F26	Iowa
J10	Minnesota	F28	Indiana
J15	**Indiana**	M5	**Minnesota**
J22	**Iowa**	M7	**Purdue**
J22	**Illinois**		

MICHIGAN STATE

N28	**Spartan Tipoff**	J24	Purdue
N29	**Tournament**	J29	**Illinois**
D4	Long Beach St	J31	**Ohio St**
D6	Fullerton St	F5	Michigan
D12	**E Michigan**	F7	Ohio St
D16	Brigham Young	F12	**Purdue**
D19	Industrial	F14	**Michigan**
D20	National Classic	F19	**Wisconsin**
D27	**St Joseph's**	F21	Illinois
J8	Indiana	F26	Northwestern
J10	Iowa	F28	Minnesota
J15	**Minnesota**	M5	**Iowa**
J17	**Northwestern**	M7	**Indiana**
J22	Wisconsin		

MINNESOTA, U of

N29	**N Dakota St**	J24	Iowa
D2	**Florida St**	J29	**Indiana**
D5	Loyola	J31	**Northwestern**
D17	**Marquette**	F5	Purdue
D22	Louisville	F7	Northwestern
D26	**Pillsbury**	F12	**Iowa**
D27	**Classic**	F14	**Purdue**
D29	Winston	F19	Ohio St
D30	Tire Classic	F21	Indiana
J8	**Wisconsin**	F26	**Illinois**
J10	**Michigan**	F28	**Michigan St**
J15	Michigan St	M5	Michigan
J17	Illinois	M7	Wisconsin
J22	**Ohio St**		

MISSISSIPPI, U of

N18	**Republic of China**	J21	**Vanderbilt**
N29	**Central Arkansas**	J24	Mississippi St
D3	Tennessee Tech	J28	**LSU**
D6	**UA-Birmingham**	J31	Auburn
D10	Mercer	F4	**Tennessee**
D17	Bowling Green	F7	Alabama
D19	Dayton	F11	**Kentucky**
D20	Classic	F14	**Florida**
D23	Georgia	F18	Vanderbilt
D30	**Memphis St**	F21	**Mississippi St**
J3	**Auburn**	F25	LSU
J7	Tennessee	F28	**Georgia**
J10	**Alabama**	M4	SEC
J14	Kentucky	M7	Tournament
J17	Florida		

MISSISSIPPI STATE

D3	**Virginia Tech**	J21	Tennessee
D6	Florida	J24	**Mississippi**
D13	**Troy St**	J28	Kentucky
D15	S Mississippi	J31	**Vanderbilt**
D17	**Tennessee-Martin**	F4	Alabama
D19	Fresno St	F7	Louisiana St
D20	Classic	F11	**Georgia**
D29	Las Vegas	F14	Auburn
D30	Classic	F18	**Tennessee**
J3	Vanderbilt	F21	Mississippi
J7	**Alabama**	F25	**Kentucky**
J10	**Louisiana St**	F28	**Florida**
J14	Georgia	M4	Southeastern
J17	**Auburn**	M7	Conf. Tnt

MISSOURI, U of

N21	**USSR**	J17	**Iowa St**
N28	Great Alaska	J18	Louisville
N30	Shootout	J21	Kansas
D5	**Show Me**	J24	Nebraska
D6	**Classic**	J28	**Oklahoma St**
D10	Illinois	J31	**Colorado**
D13	**St Louis**	F4	Kansas St
D16	**US International**	F7	Iowa St
D19	Cotton States	F11	**Kansas**
D20	Classic	F14	Oklahoma
D22	**Brown**	F18	Oklahoma St
J3	Oral Roberts	F21	**Nebraska**
J5	**Navy**	F25	Colorado
J7	LaSalle	F28	**Kansas St**
J14	**Oklahoma**		

NORTH CAROLINA, U of

N28	Alaskan	J22	Wake Forest
N30	Shoot-Out	J24	**Georgia Tech**
D2	**Mercer**	J28	Clemson
D5	Big Four	J31	N Carolina St
D6	Tournament	F3	**Virginia**
D13	S Florida	F6	St Joseph
D20	**Indiana**	F7	Furman
D22	Rutgers	F11	**Wake Forest**
D29	S California	F15	Maryland
D30	Tournament	F18	William & Mary
J3	Kansas	F21	**Clemson**
J7	**Maryland**	F25	Georgia Tech
J10	Virginia	F28	Duke
J14	**N Carolina St**	M5	ACC
J17	**Duke**	M7	Tournament

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

N29	**UNC-Wilmington**	J21	**Duke**
D1	**Davidson**	J24	**E Carolina**
D5	Big Four	J28	Georgia Tech
D6	Tournament	J31	**UNC-Chapel Hill**
D13	**Campbell**	F4	**Clemson**
D17	**Appalachian St**	F6	Furman
D20	Maryland	F7	St. Joseph's
D26	Holiday	F11	**Virginia**
D27	Festival	F14	**Notre Dame**
J3	Clemson	F19	Duke
J7	Virginia	F25	**Maryland**
J10	**Georgia Tech**	F28	**Wake Forest**
J14	UNC-Chapel Hill	M5	ACC
J17	Wake Forest	M7	Tournament

NORTH TEXAS ST U

N11	**Australian Team**	J12	Santa Clara
N29	**Texas Lutheran**	J17	Texas-Arlington
D3	**SMU**	J19	**Texas**
D4	**SE Louisiana**	J22	**Texas Tech**
D6	**St Mary's**	J24	**S Mississippi**
D9	TCU	J31	Hardin-Simmons
D12	Cougar	F7	**St Louis**
D13	Classic	F12	Samford
D16	**DePaul**	F14	S Mississippi
D18	**Samford**	F19	**Texas-Arlington**
D20	Texas	F21	**Pan American**
D27	All-College	F26	**Hardin-Simmons**
D30	Tournament	M2	Pan American
J10	San Francisco St		

NAVY

N28	Maryland	J19	**Millersville St**
D1	**Haverford**	J21	Lafayette
D3	Holy Cross	J24	**Richmond**
D6	**Lehigh**	J28	James Madison
D9	Virginia Military	J31	William & Mary
D13	**Robert Morris**	F4	**Westminster**
D29	Senior	F7	Penn St
D30	Bowl	F10	**American**
J5	Missouri	F14	**Old Dominion**
J7	San Diego State	F16	George Washington
J10	US International	F21	Manhattan
J14	**Catholic U**	F23	**Lycoming**
J17	**Delaware**	F28	**Army**

NORTH CAROLINA-CHARLOTTE

N29	**UNC-Asheville**	J20	**E Carolina**
D2	Toledo	J24	St Joseph's
D6	**Wisconsin-Superior**	J26	Georgia St
D12	**First Union**	J31	Appalachian
D13	**Invitational**	F3	**Virginia Cmnwlth**
D17	**Georgia St**	F7	UNC-Wilmington
D20	**Biscayne**	F10	**Jacksonville**
D26	Colonial	F12	**Alabama-Birming**
D27	Classic	F15	**S Florida**
J3	S Florida	F17	**Marquette**
J5	Jacksonville	F21	Alabama-Birming
J8	**S Alabama**	F23	**Davidson**
J13	S Alabama	F27	Sun Belt
J17	Virginia Cmnwlth	M1	Conf. Tnt

NEBRASKA, U of

N28	**Wyoming**	J21	**Colorado**
N29	**Idaho**	J24	**Missouri**
D6	Creighton	J28	Iowa St
D9	**Penn St**	J31	**Kansas**
D12	Utah Classic	F4	Oklahoma St
D13	Tournament	F7	**Oklahoma St**
D20	**NW Missouri St**	F11	Colorado
D22	**Colorado St**	F14	Kansas St
D23	**Montana**	F18	**Iowa St**
D27	Ball St	F21	Missouri
D30	Arkansas	F25	Kansas
J5	**Cal St - Sonoma**	F28	**Oklahoma**
J14	**Kansas St**	M3	Big Eight
J17	Oklahoma St	M7	Tournament

NEVADA-LAS VEGAS

N28	**Pan American**	J15	Hawaii
D6	**California-Irvine**	J17	San Diego St
D8	**Texas-El Paso**	J27	Wyoming
D13	Louisiana St	J31	**Georgetown**
D19	Los Angeles	F6	Brigham Young
D20	Times Classic	F7	Utah
D22	**Rebel**	F14	**Air Force**
D23	**Round-Up**	F20	**San Diego St**
D26	**New Mexico**	F21	**Hawaii**
D29	**Las Vegas**	F27	New Mexico
D30	**Holiday Classic**	F28	Texas-El Paso
J2	**Utah**	M6	**Colorado St**

J3	**Brigham Young**	M7	**Wyoming**
J10	Air Force	M12	NCAA
J12	Colorado St	M30	Tournament

NEW HAMPSHIRE

N29	Granite St	J24	Yale
N30	Tourney	J26	**Brown**
D2	Boston College	J28	Vermont
D4	**Springfield**	F1	Penn St
D9	Maine	F4	**Colgate**
D13	Harvard	F9	**Maine**
J2	Old Dominion	F12	**Holy Cross**
J3	Classic	F14	Boston
J7	**St Peter's**	F18	**Vermont**
J10	**Dartmouth**	F21	**Northeastern**
J12	**Connecticut**	F24	Rhode Island
J15	Northeastern	F26	**Massachusetts**
J17	**Niagara**	F28	Siena

NEW MEXICO STATE

N29	New Mexico	J17	W Texas St
D1	**Baylor**	J24	**Indiana St**
D4	Texas	J31	Bradley
D6	Colorado	F2	Indiana St
D11	**Texas-El Paso**	F5	**W Texas St**
D13	Texas-El Paso	F9	**Tulsa**
D18	**Pan American**	F14	Creighton
D20	**New Mexico**	F16	Drake
D22	Santa Clara	F19	**Wichita St**
D23	San Francisco	F21	**S Illinois**
J3	S Illinois	F26	Tulsa
J8	**Drake**	F28	**Creighton**
J10	**Bradley**	M3	Missouri Valley
J15	Wichita St	M7	Conf. Tnt

NIAGARA UNIVERSITY

D3	**Buffalo**	J17	New Hampshire
D6	**CW Post**	J21	Iona
D10	**Buffalo St**	J24	**Canisius**
D15	**Kent St**	J28	St John's
D19	Dayton	J31	**St Bonaventure**
D20	Classic	F2	**Drexel**
D29	Rochester	F7	**Army**
D30	Classic	F9	**St Peter's**
J2	Cornell	F11	**Colgate**
J7	Syracuse	F14	**Hofstra**
J10	Cleveland St	F21	Canisius
J12	**LaSalle**	F23	**King's College**
J14	**Siena**	F25	St Bonaventure

NORTHERN ILLINOIS U

N29	**Iowa**	J24	**Miami U**
D3	**N Dakota**	J26	**Valparaiso**
D6	TBA	J28	Eastern Michigan
D8	DePaul	J31	**Western Michigan**
D13	S Illinois	F4	Toledo
D19	Chicagoland	F7	Kent St
D20	Classic	F11	**Central Michigan**
D29	**Fresno St**	F14	Ball St
J3	**Illinois St**	F18	**Bowling Green**
J7	**Ohio U**	F21	Miami U
J10	**Kent St**	F25	**Eastern Michigan**
J14	Central Michigan	F28	Western Michigan
J17	**Ball St**	M3	Mid-American
J21	Bowling Green	M7	Conf. Tournament

NORTHWESTERN

N28	**IL-Chicago Circle**	J24	**Indiana**
D1	**Colorado St**	J29	**Michigan**
D5	**Cornell**	J31	Minnesota
D13	**S IL-Edwardsville**	F5	**Iowa**
D19	Chicagoland	F7	**Minnesota**
D20	Cage Classic	F12	Indiana
D27	Far West	F14	Iowa
D29	Classic	F19	**Purdue**
J8	**Illinois**	F21	Michigan
J10	**Wisconsin**	F26	**Michigan St**
J15	Ohio St	F28	**Ohio St**
J17	Michigan St	M5	Wisconsin
J22	Purdue	M7	Illinois

NOTRE DAME

N29	UCLA	J24	Maryland
D2	**Montana St**	J27	**Cornell**
D4	**TCU**	J31	**S Carolina**
D6	**Cal Poly-Pomona**	F2	**St Mary's (CA)**
D9	**Indiana**	F4	**LaSalle**
D22	**Valparaiso**	F8	**UCLA**
D27	Kentucky	F10	**Boston**
J4	Davidson	F14	N Carolina St
J6	Villanova	F16	**Fairfield**
J10	Marquette	F22	Virginia
J13	San Francisco	F26	**St Francis (PA)**
J17	**Hofstra**	F28	**Dayton**
J19	**Fordham**	M7	DePaul
J21	**San Francisco**		

OHIO

N29	**E Carolina**	J24	Kent St
D26	Cleveland St	J26	**N Carolina**
D10	W Virginia	J28	**Ball St**
D13	Youngstown St	J31	Miami
D20	Canisius	F4	**W Michigan**
D22	**Marshall**	F7	**Central Michigan**
D26	Fighting Illini	F11	Bowling Green
D27	Classic	F14	**E Michigan**
D29	**Charleston**	F18	Toledo
J7	N Illinois	F21	**Kent St**
J10	Central Michigan	F25	Ball St
J14	**Bowling Green**	F28	**Miami**
J17	E Michigan	M3	MAC
J21	**Toledo**	M7	Tournament

OKLAHOMA, U of

N29	**Midwestern**	J17	**Kansas**
D3	**Oklahoma City**	J21	Iowa St
D6	**Tulsa**	J24	**Kansas St**
D9	S Mississippi	J28	Colorado
D11	Purdue	J31	Oklahoma St
D17	**Lamar**	F4	**Nebraska**
D19	Bluebonnet	F7	Kansas
D20	Classic	F11	**Iowa St**
D23	**Ohio Northern**	F14	**Missouri**
D26	Fighting Illini	F18	**Colorado**
D27	Invitational	F21	Kansas St
J7	**S F Austin**	F25	**Oklahoma St**
J14	Missouri	F28	Nebraska

OKLAHOMA STATE

D2	**Oral Roberts**	J21	Kansas St
D6	**Louisville**	J24	**Iowa St**
D8	Colorado St	J28	Missouri
D10	Houston Baptist	J31	**Oklahoma**
D12	Utah	F4	**Kansas**
D13	Tournament	F7	Nebraska
D20	Tulsa	F11	**Kansas St**
D27	All College	F14	Colorado
D30	Tournament	F18	**Missouri**
J3	Oklahoma City	F21	Iowa St
J7	**New Orleans**	F25	Oklahoma
J10	**Colorado**	F28	Kansas
J17	**Nebraska**		

OLD DOMINION

N1	**Blue-White Dbl**	J17	**Rhode Island**
N4	**Russian Ntl Team**	J21	James Madison
D3	**Texas Wesleyan**	J24	**William & Mary**
D6	**Norfolk St**	J26	**Stetson**
D9	Duquesne	J28	**E Carolina**
D13	**Virginia Cmnwlth**	J31	Syracuse
D19	Cable Car	F4	**George Mason**
D20	Classic	F7	Richmond
D29	Richmond Times	F10	Virginia Cmnwlth
D30	Dispatch Classic	F14	Navy
J2	**Kiwanis¾Old**	F18	**James Madison**
J3	**Dominion Classic**	F21	William & Mary
J8	**Richmond**	F24	**Georgia St**
J10	DePaul	M2	ECAC South
J14	Boston	M7	Tournament

ORAL ROBERTS

N21	**Windsor B'ball Club**	J21	Loyola
N29	**Princeton**	J24	Illinois St
D2	Oklahoma St	J28	Xavier
D6	Kansas	J31	Oklahoma City
D8	**Tulsa**	F7	**Loyola**
D12	**Oil Capital**	F9	**Southwestern**
D13	**Classic**	F12	**SW Missouri**
D15	Indiana	F14	**Oklahoma City**
D20	**Wichita**	F16	Butler
J3	Missouri	F18	Evansville
J6	**Drake**	F25	Middle Tennessee
J8	**Butler**	F28	Tulsa
J10	**Detroit**	M3	Midwestern City
J12	**Xavier**	M8	Conf. Tnt
J17	**Evansville**		

OREGON, U of

N29	**Chico St**	J22	Washington
D2	**Nicholls St**	J24	Washington St
D6	**Cal St-Northridge**	J29	**USC**
D9	Rhode Island	J31	**UCLA**
D13	**Boise St**	F6	Stanford
D20	**Athletes in Action**	F7	California
D22	**Pacific Lutherin**	F12	**Oregon St**
D26	Far West	F20	**Washington St**
D29	Classic	F21	**Washington**
J3	Arizona	F27	UCLA
J5	Arizona St	F28	USC
J10	**Stanford**	M5	**Arizona St**
J12	**California**	M7	**Arizona**
J17	**Oregon St**		

OREGON STATE

N29	**Brigham Young**	J29	Washington St
D4	**Cal-St Northridge**	J31	**USC**
D6	Pepperdine	F2	**UCLA**
D8	Portland St	F6	California
D13	**Portland**	F7	Stanford
D19	Athletes in Action	F12	Oregon
D26	Far West	F14	St John's
D29	Classic	F20	**Washington**
J3	Arizona St	F21	**Washington St**
J5	Arizona	F27	USC
J9	**Stanford**	M1	UCLA
J10	**California**	M5	**Arizona**
J17	**Oregon**	M7	**Arizona St**
J24	**Washington**		

PACIFIC, U of

N29	Texas	J22	**UC Irvine**
D1	Texas Christian	J24	**Long Beach St**
D4	**Nevada-Reno**	J29	Fresno St
D6	**Los Angeles St**	J31	**Fresno St**
D8	**S Dakota St**	F5	**Cal St-Fullerton**
D13	**Santa Clara**	F7	**UC-Santa Barbara**
D18	**E Montana**	F12	UC-Santa Barbara
D20	**Boise St**	F14	Cal St-Fullerton
D27	Portland	F19	Long Beach St
D29	Portland St	F21	UC Irvine
J3	**Sacramento St**	F26	**Utah St**
J8	**Athletes in Action**	F28	**San Jose St**
J10	St Mary's	M5	PCAA
J15	San Jose St	M7	Tournament
J17	Utah St		

PENNSYLVANIA

N28	Lapchick	J31	Princeton
N29	Tournament	F6	Columbia
D10	**St Francis (PA)**	F7	Cornell
D20	**Davidson**	F13	**Harvard**
D22	Duke	F14	**Dartmouth**
D26	ECAC	F17	**LaSalle**
D27	Holiday Tnt	F20	**Brown**
J3	Georgetown	F21	**Yale**
J9	Yale	F24	**Princeton**
J10	Brown	F27	Dartmouth
J14	**Temple**	F28	Harvard
J17	**Villanova**	M6	**Cornell**
J28	**St Joseph's**	M7	**Columbia**

PENN STATE

N22	**Athletes in Action**	J19	**Army**
N29	**Ursinus**	J21	**W Virginia**
D3	Indiana St	J24	**Northeastern**
D6	**S Methodist**	J26	**Loyola**
D9	Nebraska	J28	**Colgate**
D13	**Missouri**	J31	**Westminster**
D16	Syracuse	F1	**New Hampshire**
D20	Rutgers	F4	S Carolina
D29	Music City	F7	**Navy**
D30	Tournament	F11	Pittsburgh
J5	**Lafayette**	F14	**Drexel**
J6	**Temple**	F18	**St Bonaventure**
J10	**Rider**	F23	Memphis St
J17	**Philadelphia Textile**	F25	**Robert Morris**

PEPPERDINE U

N25	**Athletes In Action**	J16	**San Diego**
N28	**Hastings**	J17	**Santa Clara**
D1	Kansas	J22	Gonzaga
D3	N Arizona	J24	Portland
D6	**Oregon St**	J30	St. Mary's
D8	**Illinois St**	J31	San Francisco
D13	UCLA	F7	**Loyola**
D16	Houston	F13	**San Francisco**
D20	Indiana St	F14	**St Mary's**
D22	Illinois St	F20	**Portland**
D29	Evansville	F21	**Gonzaga**
D30	Tournament	F26	Santa Clara
J6	**Azusa Pacific**	F28	San Diego
J10	**Long Beach St**	M7	Loyola

PITTSBURGH

N29	**St Francis**	J20	Rhode Island
D2	St Bonaventure	J24	George Washington
D5	Show Me	J26	**Maryland**
D6	Classic	J31	W Virginia
D8	**Indiana**	F4	**Duquesne**
D13	**Alabama**	F7	**Cleveland St**
D19	Virginia Tech	F11	**Penn St**
D20	Invitational	F15	Duquesne
D23	**Massachusetts**	F18	**George Washington**
D30	**Robert Morris**	F21	**W Virginia**
J3	**St Bonaventure**	F24	Massachusetts
J10	**Rutgers**	F28	Rutgers
J12	E Kentucky	M3	EAA
J17	**Delaware St**	M7	Tournament

PORTLAND, U of

N28	**Cal St-Fullerton**	J17	San Francisco
D1	**C Washington St**	J22	**Loyola Marymount**
D3	**San Jose St**	J24	**Pepperdine**
D6	**US International**	J29	San Diego
D8	**E Montana**	J31	Santa Clara
D11	**Portland St**	F7	**Gonzaga**
D13	Oregon St	F12	**San Diego**
D17	Wolf Pack	F13	**Santa Clara**
D18	Classic	F20	Pepperdine
D22	**Stanford**	F21	Loyola Marymount
D27	**Pacific**	F26	**San Francisco**
D29	Nevada-Las Vegas	F28	**St Mary's**
D30	Classic	M7	Gonzaga
J16	St Mary's		

PRINCETON

N29	Oral Roberts	J31	**Penn**
D2	**St Joseph's**	F6	Cornell
D6	St John's	F6	Columbia
D13	**Manhattan**	F13	**Dartmouth**
D21	**Colgate**	F14	**Harvard**
D23	Ohio St	F20	**Yale**
D26	Far West	F21	**Brown**
D30	Classic	F24	Penn
J5	Seton Hall	F27	Harvard
J9	Brown	F28	Dartmouth
J10	Yale	M6	**Columbia**
J12	**Fordham**	M7	**Cornell**
J28	Rutgers		

PROVIDENCE

N29	**Massachusetts**	J19	Georgetown
D2	**Assumption**	J24	**Rhode Island**
D6	Villanova	J27	Louisville

D10	**Wisconsin**	J31	Seton Hall
D13	**Purdue**	F4	**Connecticut**
D15	**Campbell**	F7	**Syracuse**
D19	**Industrial**	F11	Boston College
D20	**National Classic**	F14	**Villanova**
D27	**Brown**	F16	**St John's**
D29	**Biscayne**	F21	Connecticut
J3	**Boston College**	F25	**Georgetwon**
J7	**Seton Hall**	F28	Holy Cross
J10	St John's	M5	The Big East
J14	Syracuse	M7	Conf. Tnt

PURDUE

N29	**Colorado St**	J24	**Michigan St**
D1	**Loyola**	J29	Iowa
D6	Tennessee	J31	Indiana
D8	Butler	F5	**Minnesota**
D11	**Oklahoma**	F7	**Indiana**
D13	Providence	F12	Michigan St
D22	Tulsa	F14	Minnesota
D26	Gator	F19	Northwestern
D27	Bowl	F21	**Iowa**
J8	**Michigan**	F26	**Wisconsin**
J10	**Ohio St**	F28	**Illinois**
J15	Illinois	M5	Ohio St
J17	Wisconsin	M7	Michigan
J22	**Northwestern**		

RHODE ISLAND, U of

N29	Stonehill	J24	**Providence**
D1	**Weber St**	J29	Connecticut
D3	**Brown**	J31	Rutgers
D6	**Duquesne**	F3	Brown
D9	**Oregon**	F7	**Holy Cross**
D13	Baltimore	F9	**St Bonaventure**
D26	Far West	F11	George Washington
D30	Classic	F14	US International
J3	**Connecticut**	F18	W Virginia
J10	**S Carolina**	F24	New Hampshire
J13	Widener	F28	**LaSalle**
J17	Old Dominion	M3	EAA
J20	**Pittsburgh**	M7	Tournament
J22	Massachusetts		

RICE

N15	**Windsor**	J20	Texas A & M
N28	IPTAY	J24	SMU
N29	Classic	J26	**Arkansas**
D2	**Tulane**	J28	Texas
D4	**SW Texas St**	J31	**TCU**
D6	**W Kentucky**	F3	Baylor
D8	**Angelo St**	F7	**Southwestern**
D29	Alabama	F10	Texas Tech
D30	Classic	F14	**Texas A & M**
J3	**Houston**	F17	**SMU**
J6	TCU	F21	Arkansas
J10	**Texas-Wesleyan**	F24	Houston
J13	**Baylor**	F28	**Texas**
J17	**Texas Tech**	M2	SWC Tnt

RICHMOND, U of

N20	**Windsor**	J17	**Upsala**
N29	**Radford**	J21	**George Mason**
D1	Virginia Tech	J24	Navy
D3	Geo. Washington	J26	S Carolina
D5	**Spider**	J29	VMI
D6	**Classic**	J31	**Virginia Cmnwlth**
D9	Virginia Cmnwlth	F4	**Baltimore**
D20	**W Virginia Tech**	F7	**Old Dominion**
D29	Times-Dispatch	F11	William & Mary
D30	Invitational	F16	**Stockton St**
J8	Old Dominion	F21	**E Carolina**
J10	James Madison	F25	American
J12	E Carolina	F28	**James Madison**
J14	**William & Mary**		

RIDER

N29	Dayton	J24	Catholic
D2	**St Joseph's**	J28	**Lafayette**
D5	Governor's	J31	**Delaware**
D6	Classic	F4	Bucknell
D13	James Madison	F6	W Chester St
D20	**Marist**	F11	**Lehigh**
J2	Fairfield	F14	Lafayette
J3	Classic	F16	**Temple**
J7	Hofstra	F18	Delaware
J10	Penn St	F21	**Bucknell**
J14	Gettysburg	F25	**W Chester St**
J17	**LaSalle**	F28	Lehigh
J19	**American**	M4	East Coast
J21	Drexel	M7	Conf. Tnt

RUTGERS

N29	**American**	J22	**Fordham**
D2	**Princeton**	J27	**Duke**
D5	**Jersey**	J31	**Rhode Island**
D6	**Classic**	F3	Manhattan
D9	St Bonaventure	F5	**W Virginia**
D13	St John's	F7	George Washington
D20	**Penn St**	F10	Massachusetts
D22	N Carolina	F14	W Virginia
D27	Rainbow	F16	**Long Island**
D30	Classic	F19	Seton Hall
J8	**Massachusetts**	F21	**Fairfield**
J10	Pittsburgh	F25	**Duquesne**
J14	**George Washington**	F28	**Pittsburgh**
J17	**St Bonaventure**	M3	EAA
J20	Duquesne	M7	Tournament

SOUTH ALABAMA, U of

N22	**China**	J17	**Jacksonville**
D2	**Louisville**	J19	**S'thern Illinois**
D3	**Middle Tennessee**	J22	**Virginia Cmnwlth**
D5	Holy Cross	J27	Jacksonville
D6	Invitational	J31	Alabama-Birming
D11	**Tennessee Tech**	F5	**S Florida**
D13	**Wisconsin-Milwaukee**	F7	**Nichols St**
D16	Ohio St	F9	Georgia St
D18	Akron	F12	S Florida
D29	**Senior**	F17	**Alabama-Birming**
D30	**Bowl**	F18	McNeese St
J6	Virginia Cmnwlth	F28	Sun Belt
J8	UNCC	M1	Conf. Tnt
J10	**Georgia St**	M7	Illinois St
J13	**UNCC**		

SOUTH CAROLINA, U of

N17	**St Francis Xavier**	J15	**Manhattan**
N28	W Kentucky	J17	**Marquette**
N29	Classic	J21	**Temple**
D1	Marshall	J24	**Davidson**
D3	**UNC-Asheville**	J26	**Richmond**
D6	**Clemson**	J28	**Hofstra**
D10	**Biscayne**	J31	Notre Dame
D19	**Palmetto**	F4	**Penn State**
D20	**Classic**	F7	Clemson
D23	**Texas**	F11	**Furman**
D30	Florida St	F14	William & Mary
J3	E Tennesse St	F18	**Florida St**
J5	**Cleveland St**	F21	Boston U
J10	Rhode Island	F23	**Georgia S'thern**

SOUTH FLORIDA, U of

N29	**Florida A & M**	J12	**Virginia Cmnwlth**
D2	**Duke**	J14	**Oglethorpe**
D6	**UNC Greensboro**	J17	**UA Birmingham**
D9	Florida Southern	J24	Georgia St
D13	N Carolina	J29	UA Birmingham
D16	Jacksonville	F5	S Alabama
D18	**Stetson**	F7	**Jacksonville**
D20	**Roosevelt**	F12	**S Alabama**
D27	**Creighton**	F15	UNC Charlotte
D29	**Furman**	F17	Virginia Cmnwlth
J3	**UNC Charlotte**	F21	**Georgia St**
J6	**Valparaiso**	F23	Stetson
J8	Robert Morris	F28	Sun Belt
J10	**Siena**	M2	Tournament

SAN DIEGO STATE

N25	**Australia N'tl**	J15	**Air Force**
N28	UC-Santa Barbara	J17	**Nevada-Las Vegas**
D2	**San Diego**	J30	New Mexico
D4	**Idaho St**	J31	Texas-El Paso
D11	N Arizona	F5	Colorado
D13	Cal St-Fullerton	F7	Wyoming
D27	Cal St-Long Beach	F12	**Utah**
D29	**Cabrillo**	F14	**Brigham Young**
D30	**Classic**	F20	Nevada-Las Vegas
J2	**Wyoming**	F21	Air Force
J5	**Colorado St**	F24	**Hawaii**
J7	**Navy**	F28	Hawaii
J8	Brigham Young	M5	**Texas-El Paso**
J10	Utah	M7	**New Mexico**

SAN FRANCISCO, U of

N28	**Grand Canyon**	J16	**Gonzaga**
N29	**Wisconsin-Superior**	J17	**Portland**
D1	Dayton	J21	Notre Dame
D5	Brigham Young	J23	Santa Clara
D6	Hawaii	J25	San Diego
D7	Chaminade College	J30	**Loyola-Marymount**
D9	Hawaii-Hilo	J31	**Pepperdine**
D13	**Cal St-Los Angeles**	F7	St Mary's
D16	**Georgia-Southern**	F13	Pepperdine
D19	**Fourth Annual Golden**	F14	Loyola-Marymount
D20	**Gate Invitational**	F20	**San Diego**
D23	**New Mexico St**	F21	**Santa Clara**
D28	Sun Bowl	F26	Portland
D29	Classic	F28	Gonzaga
J13	Notre Dame	M7	**St Mary's**

SANTA BARBARA

N18	**Winnipeg**	J22	**Utah St**
N28	**San Diego St**	J24	**San Jose St**
N29	**Doane College**	J29	**Cal St-Fullerton**
D4	San Diego	J31	Cal St-Fullerton
D15	**Cal Poly**	F5	Fresno St
D18	**St Mary's**	F7	Pacific
D23	**N Arizona**	F12	**Pacific**
D26	Copper State	F14	**Fresno St**
D27	Classic	F19	San Jose St
J2	**Portland St**	F21	Utah St
J3	**Puget Sound**	F26	**UC-Irvine**
J6	UC-Berkeley	F28	**Cal St-Long Beach**
J9	Loyola-Marymount	M5	PCAA
J15	Cal St-Long Beach	M7	Tournament
J17	UC-Irvine		

SANTA CLARA

N29	Boise St	J17	Pepperdine
D6	DePaul	J23	**San Francisco**
D9	**Humboldt St**	J24	**St Mary's**
D11	Long Beach St	J29	**Gonzaga**
D13	Pacific	J31	**Portland**
D15	**Nevada-Reno**	F7	San Diego
D19	**Cable Car**	F12	Gonzaga
D20	**Classic**	F14	Portland
D22	**New Mexico St**	F20	St Mary's
D29	**Wisconsin-Superior**	F21	San Francisco
J3	**San Francisco St**	F26	**Pepperdine**
J6	**California-Davis**	F28	**Loyola-Marymount**
J12	**N Texas St**	M7	**San Diego**
J16	Loyola-Marymount		

SETON HALL

N29	**Lowell**	J21	**Columbia**
D3	Fordham	J24	**Boston College**
D9	**Villanova**	J28	Army
D12	Brigham Young	J31	**Providence**
D13	Classic	F4	Syracuse
D20	Manhattan	F11	Villanova
D22	**Fairfield**	F14	Georgetown
D30	**St Peter's**	F17	**Connecticut**
J3	Princeton	F19	Rutgers
J7	Providence	F21	**Syracuse**
J10	Connecticut	F25	**St John's**
J14	**Georgetown**	F28	Boston College
J17	**Lehigh**	M4	Big East
J19	St John's	M7	Championship

SMU

N29	**Southwestern**	J17	Texas A & M
D1	**Texas A & I**	J20	TCU
D3	N Texas St	J24	**Rice**
D6	Penn St	J26	Texas Tech
D9	**Iowa St**	J31	**Texas**
D13	**Rollins**	F3	Houston
D18	**Texas Wesleyan**	F7	Baylor
D20	**UTA**	F10	**Texas A & M**
D22	**Kansas**	F14	**TCU**
D30	Cornell	F17	Rice
J3	**Arkansas**	F21	**Texas Tech**
J6	Texas	F24	Arkansas
J10	**Baylor**	M2	SWC
J13	**Houston**	M7	Tournament

SOUTHERN CAL, U of

N28	Idaho St	J17	Arizona St
D1	Houston	J22	**California**
D5	**TBA**	J24	**Stanford**
D13	**Wyoming**	J31	Oregon St
D16	**Athletes in Action**	F2	Oregon
D20	Kansas	F6	**UCLA**
D23	**Drexel**	F12	**Arizona St**
D29	**Winston Tire**	F14	**Arizona**
D30	**Holiday Classic**	F19	Stanford
J2	**Washington St**	F21	California
J3	**Washington**	F26	**Oregon St**
J10	UCLA	F28	Oregon
J15	Arizona	M5	Washington
		M7	Washington St

ST BONAVENTURE

N29	**AIC**	J24	**W Virginia**
D2	**Pittsburgh**	J26	**Syracuse**
D6	Massachusetts	J28	**Duquesne**
D9	**Rutgers**	J31	Niagara
D20	Geo. Washington	F2	Detroit
D29	Rochester	F5	Marquette
D30	Classic	F9	Rhode Island
J3	Pittsburgh	F11	**Iona**
J5	**Massachusetts**	F14	**George Washington**
J10	St Michael's, VT	F18	Penn St
J14	W Virginia	F22	Duquesne
J17	Rutgers	F25	**Niagara**
J21	**Canisius**	F28	Canisius

ST FRANCIS (NY)

D2	Villanova	J22	Army
D5	Spider	J24	LIU
D6	Classic	J29	**CCNY**
D10	St Peter's	J31	**Marist**
D13	Siena	F2	**Canisius**
D15	Drexel	F4	**Robert Morris**
D19	Mountaineer	F7	**Pace**
D20	Classic	F11	Wagner
D30	Hofstra	F14	Northeastern
J3	**Boston**	F17	**Catholic**
J7	Dartmouth	F21	Towson St
J10	St Francis (PA)	F23	**Manhattan**
J17	**Baltimore**	F28	FDU

ST. JOSEPH'S

N30	**Scranton**	J20	Delaware
D2	Rider	J24	**NC-Charlotte**
D6	**W. Chester St.**	J28	**Pennsylvania**
D9	Princeton	J31	**LaSalle**
D11	Cornell	F2	**Albright**
D13	**Jacksonville**	F6	N Carolina
D27	Michigan St.	F7	N Carolina St
D29	Maryland	F11	**Drexel**
D30	Tournament	F14	**Temple**
J3	**St. Francis (PA)**	F16	**Lehigh**
J7	Bucknell	F18	Hofstra
J10	Jacksonville	F24	**American**
J13	Lafayette	F28	**Villanova**

ST LOUIS

N29	**William Jewell**	J19	**Iowa St**
D3	**McKendree**	J22	**Louisville**
D5	**Delaware St**	J26	**Virginia Tech**
D8	**Creighton**	J31	Louisville
D13	Missouri	F2	**Tulane**
D20	Butler	F4	**Florida St**
D29	Connecticut	F7	N Texas St
D30	Tournament	F12	Cincinnati
J3	**Missouri-St Louis**	F14	Virginia Tech
J7	**Alcorn St**	F19	**Memphis St**
J13	DePaul	F21	Florida St
J15	**Dayton**	F23	**Cincinnati**
J17	Memphis St	F27	Tulane

ST. MARY'S

N28	**Stanislaus St**	J22	San Diego
N29	**San Francisco St**	J24	Santa Clara
D3	**Los Angeles St**	J30	**Pepperdine**
D6	UCLA	J31	**Loyola**
D12	Cougar	F2	Notre Dame
D13	Classic	F7	**San Francisco**
D18	UC Santa Barbara	F13	Loyola
D20	Stanford	F14	Pepperdine
D23	**Idaho St**	F20	**Santa Clara**
J3	N Arizona	F21	**San Diego**
J6	**Portland St**	F26	Gonzaga
J10	**Pacific**	F28	Portland
J16	**Portland**	M7	San Francisco
J17	**Gonzaga**		

ST PETER'S

N29	**Stockton**	J20	Holy Cross
D2	Duke	J24	**Stonehill**
D5	Jersey	J29	Wagner
D6	Classic	J31	**Canisius**
D10	**St Francis**	F3	**Fairfield**
D13	**JC St**	F5	Fordham
D20	**Fordham**	F7	Manhattan
D30	Seton Hall	F11	LIU
J5	**FDU**	F14	**Iona**
J7	New Hampshire	F18	**Siena**
J10	**Army**	F21	Army
J14	**Marist**	F28	**Vermont**
J17	Fairfield		

STANFORD

N29	**Air Force**	J23	UCLA
D4	Wyoming	J24	USC
D6	Marquette	J30	**Arizona**
D11	**U.C. Davis**	J31	**Arizona St**
D13	**U.C. Irvine**	F6	Oregon
D20	**St Mary's**	F7	**Oregon St**
D22	Portland	F12	Washington St
D27	**San Diego**	F14	Washington
J3	California	F20	**USC**
J9	Oregon St	F21	**UCLA**
J10	Oregon	F26	Arizona St
J16	**Washington**	F28	Arizona
J17	**Washington St**	M7	**California**

SYRACUSE, U of

N29	**Columbia**	J21	Boston College
D5	**Carrier**	J24	**St John's**
D6	**Classic**	J26	St Bonaventure
D10	Detroit	J30	**Old Dominion**
D12	Illinois St	F1	DePaul
D16	**Penn St**	F4	**Seton Hall**
D29	**Colgate**	F7	Providence
J3	Canisius	F9	**Georgetown**
J5	Connecticut	F14	**Connecticut**
J7	**Niagara**	F17	Villanova
J10	**Villanova**	F21	Seton Hall
J14	**Providence**	F25	**Boston College**
J17	Georgetown	F28	St John's

TCU

N28	**Westmont**	J17	**Texas**
N29	**UT-Arlington**	J20	**SMU**
D1	**Pacific**	J24	Houston
D4	Notre Dame	J28	**Baylor**
D6	Illinois	J31	Rice
D9	**N Texas**	F3	**Texas Tech**
D22	Las Vegas	F7	**Arkansas**
D23	Invitational	F10	Texas
D29	Lobo	F14	SMU
D30	Invitational	F17	**Houston**
J3	Texas A & M	F24	**Texas A & M**
J6	**Rice**	F28	Baylor
J10	Arkansas	12	SWC
113	Texas Tech	M7	Tournament

TEMPLE

D1	W Chester	J24	Manhattan
D4	**Lehigh**	J28	**William & Mary**
D6	Delaware	J31	**Villanova**
D13	**Cincinnati**	F4	Hofstra
D20	Japanese All Stars	F7	**Drexel**
D21	UCLA	F9	Rider
D26	Port City	F14	**St Joseph's**
D27	Classic	F16	**Bucknell**
J6	**Penn St**	F21	**LaSalle**
J9	Fordham	F25	**Maine**
J14	**Pennsylvania**	F28	**American**
J17	Lafayette	M4	East Coast
J21	S Carolina	M7	Conf. Tnt

TENNESSEE, U of

N29	**Rollins**	J21	**Mississippi St**
D3	Auburn	J24	LSU
D6	**Purdue**	J28	**Georgia**
D9	**Lafayette**	J31	**Alabama**
D13	**Colorado**	F4	Mississippi
D19	**Vol**	F7	**Kentucky**
D20	**Classic**	F11	Florida
D28	Sugar	F14	**Vanderbilt**
D29	Bowl	F18	Mississippi St
J3	Alabama	F21	**LSU**
J7	**Mississippi**	F25	Georgia
J10	Kentucky	F28	**Auburn**
J14	**Florida**	M4	SEC
J17	Vanderbilt	M7	Tournament

TEXAS, U of

N12	**Windsor**	J19	North Texas St
N29	**Pacific**	J24	**Baylor**
D2	Biscayne	J26	Texas A & M
D4	**New Mexico St**	J28	**Rice**
D6	**Long Beach St**	J31	SMU
D9	Southern Cal	F3	**Arkansas**
D13	**DePaul**	F7	Houston
D20	**North Texas St**	F10	**TCU**
D23	S Carolina	F17	Baylor
J3	Texas Tech	F21	**Texas A & M**
J6	**SMU**	F24	**Texas Tech**
J10	**Houston**	F28	Rice
J13	Arkansas	M2	SWC
J17	TCU	M7	Tournament

TEXAS A & M

N22	**Windsor**	J24	Arkansas
N28	Maine	J26	**Texas**
D2	**Texas Southern**	J28	Houston
D8	**Sam Houston St**	J31	**Baylor**
D12	First Union	F7	**Texas Tech**
D13	Invitational	F10	SMU
D19	Virginia Tech	F14	Rice
D20	Invitational	F17	**Arkansas**
D29	KOA	F21	Texas
D30	Classic	F22	LSU
J3	**TCU**	F24	TCU
J6	Baylor	F28	**Houston**
J10	Texas Tech	M2	SWC
J17	**SMU**	M7	Tournament
J20	**Rice**		

TEXAS-EL PASO

N11	**Athletes in Action**	J16	**Utah**
N28	**Angelo St**	J17	**Brigham Young**
D3	**Colorado**	J24	Air Force
D5	Holy Cross	J30	**Hawaii**
D6	Tournament	J31	**San Diego St**
D8	Nevada-Las Vegas	F7	**New Mexico**
D11	New Mexico St	F13	**Colorado St**
D13	**New Mexico St**	F14	**Wyoming**
D20	**Texas A & I**	F20	Brigham Young
D23	**Louisiana**	F21	Utah
D28	**Sun Carnival**	F27	**Air Force**
D29	**Tournament**	F28	**Nevada-Las Vegas**
J3	New Mexico	M4	San Diego St
J9	Wyoming	M7	Hawaii
J10	Colorado St		

TOLEDO, U of

N7	**Windsor**	J21	Ohio
D2	**N C -Charlotte**	J24	**C Michigan**
D4	**Cal Poly-Pomona**	J28	Bowling Green
D6	**Ashland**	J31	E Michigan
D13	**Detroit**	F4	**N Illinois**
D16	Loyola	F7	Ball St
D20	**Alcorn St**	F11	**Miami**
D27	Dayton	F14	W Michigan
D29	**Blade-Glass**	F18	**Ohio**
D30	**City Classic**	F21	C Michigan
J3	**Charleston**	F25	**Bowling Green**
J7	Kent St	F28	E Michigan
J10	**Ball St**	M3	Mid-American
J14	Miami	M7	Conf. Tnt
J17	**W Michigan**		

TULANE

D1	S Methodist	J16	Cincinnati
D5	**Louisiana St**	J19	**Louisville**
D7	**Ft Hays Kan. St**	J22	**Southwestern**
D8	**Westminister**	J28	**Cincinnati**
D10	**Rice**	J31	Louisville
D22	Louisiana St	F2	Virginia Tech
D29	Tournament	F9	New Orleans
J2	Florida St	F12	Memphis St
J5	**New Orleans**	F16	**St. Louis**
J10	Notre Dame	F20	Mercer
J12	Florida St	F23	**Memphis St**
J14	St Louis	F25	**S Mississippi**

TULSA, U of

N28	**C Oklahoma St**	J19	Bradley
D1	**SW Missouri St**	J22	**W Texas St**
D4	**Louisville**	J26	**Drake**
D6	Oklahoma	J29	S Illinois
D8	Oral Roberts	J31	**Creighton**
D12	Oil Capital	F7	W Texas St
D13	Classic	F9	New Mexico St
D20	**Oklahoma St**	F14	**Bradley**
D22	**Purdue**	F16	Wichita St
J3	Creighton	F21	Drake
J5	**S Illinois**	F23	**Indiana St**
J10	**Wichita St**	F26	**New Mexico St**
J17	Indiana St	F28	**Oral Roberts**

UCLA

N18	**Athletes in Action**	J23	**Stanford**
N28	**VMI**	J24	**California**
N29	**Notre Dame**	J29	Oregon St
D6	**St Mary's**	J31	Oregon
D13	**Pepperdine**	F6	USC
D15	**Evansville**	F8	Notre Dame
D18	Japan All-Stars	F12	**Arizona**
D21	Temple	F14	**Arizona St**
D27	DePaul	F19	California
J3	**Washington**	F21	Stanford
J5	**Washington St**	F27	**Oregon**
J10	**USC**	M1	**Oregon St**
J16	Arizona St	M5	Washington St
J17	Arizona	M7	Washington

UTAH

N26	**USSR**	J15	Texas-El Paso
D1	**Midwestern**	J17	New Mexico
D6	**Weber St**	J23	**Wyoming**
D9	Utah St	J24	**Colorado St**
D12	**Utah**	J31	**Brigham Young**
D13	**Classic**	F6	**Air Force**
D16	**Utah St**	F7	**Nevada-Las Vegas**
D20	Louisville	F12	San Diego St
D26	Far West	F14	Hawaii
D30	Classic	F19	**New Mexico**
J2	Nevada-Las Vegas	F21	**Texas-El Paso**
J3	Air Force	F26	Colorado St
J8	**Hawaii**	F28	Wyoming
J10	**San Diego St**	M7	Brigham Young

UTAH STATE

N21	**Simon Fraser**	J22	UC-Santa Barbara
N28	**St. Martin's**	J24	Fullerton St
D4	Weber	J29	San Jose St
D6	**Brigham Young**	J31	**San Jose St**
D9	**Utah**	F5	Long Beach St
D16	Utah	F7	UC-Irvine
D19	Industrial	F12	**UC-Irvine**
D20	Classic	F14	**Long Beach St**
D27	Brigham Young	F19	**Fullerton St**
D30	Idaho St	F21	**UC-Santa Barbara**
J3	**Weber St**	F26	Pacific
J8	**E Cent. Oklahoma**	F28	Fresno St
J10	Portland St	M5	PCAA
J15	**Fresno St**	M7	Tournament
J17	**Pacific**		

VANDERBILT

N28	Wendy's	J21	Ole Miss
N29	Invitational	J24	**Kentucky**
D1	**Iowa St**	J28	Florida
D9	**Duke**	J31	Mississippi St
D20	**N Alabama**	F4	**LSU**
D23	**Memphis St**	F7	Georgia
D27	**Alabama**	F11	**Auburn**
D29	**Music City**	F14	Tennessee
D30	**Invitational**	F18	**Ole Miss**
J3	**Mississippi St**	F21	Kentucky
J7	LSU	F25	**Florida**
J10	**Georgia**	F28	Alabama
J14	Auburn	M4	SEC
J17	**Tennessee**	M7	Tournament

VERMONT, U of

N28	N Adams St	J24	**Maine**
N29	**Plattsburgh St**	J28	**New Hampshire**
D2	LaSalle	F1	Robert Morris
D5	New Jersey	F4	Dartmouth
D6	Classic	F7	**Baltimore**
D10	Northeastern	F11	**St Michael's**
D13	**Towson St**	F13	Fairleigh-Dickinson
D30	**C Connecticut St**	F14	Colgate
J7	**Boston College**	F18	New Hampshire
J10	Middlebury	F21	**Colgate**
J14	RPI	F26	**Boston**
J17	**Fairfield**	F28	St Peter's
J20	**Siena**	M3	ECAC
J23	**Maine**	M7	Tournament

VILLANOVA

N28	**Merrimack**	J21	**Connecticut**
D2	**St Francis, NY**	J24	Colgate
D6	**Providence**	J26	Boston College
D9	Seton Hall	J31	**Temple**
D13	**B2ston College**	F4	Georgetown
D20	**LaSalle**	F7	Maine
D28	Sun Bowl	F11	**Seton Hall**
D29	Classic	F14	Providence
J3	**St John's**	F17	**Syracuse**
J6	**Notre Dame**	F21	**Georgetown**
J10	Syracuse	F23	Connecticut
J14	St John's	F28	**St Joseph's**
J17	**Penn**	M5	Big East
J19	**Towson St**	M7	Conf Tnt

VIRGINIA, U of

N28	**Tip-Off**	J21	**Geo. Washington**
N29	**Tournament**	J25	**Ohio St**
D3	**Randolph-Macon**	J28	**Wake Forest**
D6	William & Mary	J31	**Duke**
D12	Duke	F3	N Carolina
D22	**Baltimore**	F5	Wagner
D30	James Madison	F11	NC State
J3	VPI	F14	**Clemson**
J5	Delaware	F16	**Georgia Tech**
J7	**NC State**	F22	Notre Dame
J10	**N Carolina**	F25	Wake Forest
J14	Maryland	F28	**Maryland**
J17	Georgia Tech	M5	ACC
J19	Clemson	M7	Tournament

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH

N28	UVA Tip-Off	J22	S Alabama
N29	Tournament	J26	**James Madison**
D3	**William & Mary**	J29	**Jacksonville**
D9	**Richmond**	J31	Richmond
D13	Old Dominion	F3	N Carolina

D20	**Georgia St**	F10	**Old Dominion**
D22	**Cincinnati**	F12	James Madison
D29	Times-Dispatch	F14	**UA-Birmingham**
D30	Invitational	F17	**S Florida**
J6	**S Alabama**	F21	Jacksonville
J10	UA-Birmingham	F24	William & Mary
J12	S Florida	F27	Sun Belt
J17	**N Carolina**	M1	Tnt Finals
J19	Georgia St		

VIRGINIA TECH

N19	**Scotland**	J21	William & Mary
N29	**John Hopkins**	J24	Memphis St
D1	**Richmond**	J26	St Louis
D3	Mississippi St	J29	**Liberty Baptist**
D10	E Tennessee St	J31	Louisville
D13	W Virginia	F1	**George Washington**
D19	**Virginia Tech**	F7	**Tulane**
D20	**Classic**	F9	**Louisville**
D29	Times-Dispatch	F14	**St Louis**
D30	Tournament	F16	Florida St
J3	Virginia	F18	Tulane
J10	**William & Mary**	F21	**Memphis St**
J12	**Florida St**	F28	**Cincinnati**
J17	Cincinnati		

VMI

N20	**Scotland**	J19	**E Tennessee**
N28	UCLA	J21	Davisdon
N29	Cal-Irvine	J24	Baltimore
D3	**Furman**	J26	**Marshall**
D6	UT-Chattanooga	J29	**Richmond**
D9	**Navy**	J31	**W Carolina**
D12	Bayou	F2	**Citadel**
D13	Classic	F4	William & Mary
J3	Marshall	F7	W Carolina
J7	E Tennessee	F9	**Appalachian St**
J10	Furman	F11	**Davisdon**
J13	Citadel	F16	**UT-Chattanooga**
J14	Baptist	F19	Campbell
J17	Appalachian St		

WAKE FOREST

N29	Jacksonville	J22	**N Carolina**
D1	**John Hopkins**	J24	**UNC-Asheville**
D5	Big Four	J28	Virginia
D6	Tournament	J31	**Marquette**
D8	**John Carroll**	F4	**Maryland**
D11	**Florida Southern**	F7	Georgia Tech
D19	Cable Car	F11	N Carolina
D20	Classic	F14	**Duke**
D30	Davidson	F18	Clemson
J3	**Georgia Tech**	F21	Maryland
J7	**Appalachian**	F25	**Virginia**
J10	**Clemson**	F28	NC State
J14	Duke	M5	ACC
J17	**NC State**	M7	Tournament

WASHINGTON, U of

N28	**Brigham Young**	J17	California
D1	**Humboldt St**	J22	**Oregon**
D4	**Wisconsin-Superior**	J24	**Oregon St**
D9	**Pacific**	J31	Washington St
D13	**US International**	F5	Arizona
D19	Industrial	F7	Arizona St
D20	Classic	F12	**California**
D26	Pillsbury	F14	**Stanford**
D27	Classic	F21	Oregon
J2	UCLA	F23	Oregon St
J3	USC	F28	**Washington St**
J8	**Arizona**	M5	**USC**
J10	Arizona St	M7	**UCLA**
J16	Stanford		

WASHINGTON STATE

N23	Russian Nationals	J16	California
N28	Seattle Pacific	J17	Stanford
D1	Idaho	J22	**Oregon St.**
D3	E Montana	J24	**Oregon**
D6	**St. Martin's**	J31	**Washington**
D10	**Montana St.**	F5	Arizona
D13	Gonzaga	F7	Arizona St.
D16	**Cal St.-Bakersfield**	F14	**California**
D19	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	F16	**Stanford**
J3	USC	F20	Oregon
J5	UCLA	F21	Oregon St.
J8	**Arizona St.**	F28	Washington
J10	**Arizona**	M5	**UCLA**
J13	**Pacific Lutheran**	M7	**USC**

WEST CHESTER STATE

D1	**Temple**	J31	**Bucknell**
D3	Glassboro St	F2	E Stroudsburg St
D6	St Joseph's	F4	**Lafayette**
D8	Towson St	F6	**Rider**
D11	**Delaware St**	F9	Hofstra
D13	**Drexel**	F11	**Delaware**
J7	Stetson	F14	**Lehigh**
J12	**Kutztown St**	F16	Delaware St
J17	Howard	F18	Bucknell
J19	**LaSalle**	F21	Lafayette
J21	Millersville St	F23	**Cheyney St**
J26	**American**	F25	Rider
J28	Lehigh	F28	Delaware

WEST TEXAS STATE

N29	**Lubbock Christian**	J17	**New Mexico St**
D1	**Texas Tech**	J19	**S Illinois**
D5	Missouri Show	J22	Tulsa
D6	Me Classic	J24	Creighton
D11	Pan American	J29	**Athletes in Action**
D13	**Cameron**	J31	**Wichita St**
D18	**US International**	F5	New Mexico St
D20	**S Colorado**	F7	**Tulsa**
D22	Rebel	F9	**Drake**
D23	Roundup	F12	Indiana St
J5	**Wayland Baptist**	F14	S Illinois
J8	**Bradley**	F21	**Indiana St**
J10	Drake	F26	**Creighton**
J12	Wichita St	F28	Bradley

WEST VIRGINIA

N29	**Akron**	J17	**Massachusetts**
D3	**Ohio Northern**	J21	Penn St
D6	**Marshall**	J24	St. Bonaventure
D10	**Ohio**	J28	**Robert Morris**
D13	Virginia Tech	J31	**Pitt**
D19	**Mountaineer**	F5	Rutgers
D20	**Classic**	F7	**CCNY**
D30	Ohio St	F9	Duquesne
J3	Massachusetts	F14	**Rutgers**
J7	**Youngstown St.**	F18	**Rhode Island**
J10	**Geo. Washington**	F21	Pitt
J12	**Duquesne**	F25	**Morehead St**
J14	**St. Bonaventure**	F28	Geo. Washington

WESTERN MICHIGAN

N28	Michigan St	J21	**Kent St**
N29	Tourney	J24	Ball St
D3	**Wayne St**	J28	**Miami**
D6	**Canisius**	J31	Northern Illinois
D8	**Grand Valley St**	F4	Ohio
D12	Bayou	F7	**Bowling Green**
D13	Classic	F11	Eastern Michigan
D17	**Illinois**	F14	**Toledo**
D20	Michigan	F18	Kent St
D23	Marquette	F21	**Ball St**
J7	**Central Michigan**	F25	Miami
J10	Bowling Green	F28	**Northern Illinois**
J14	**E Michigan**	M3	Mid-American
J17	Toledo	M7	Tournament

WILLIAM & MARY

N29	**Pace**	J26	George Mason
D1	**Christopher Newport**	J28	Temple
D3	Virginia Cmnwlth	J31	**Navy**
D6	**Virginia**	F2	American
D20	**N Carolina Wesleyan**	F4	VMI
J3	Maryland	F7	James Madison
J6	**Millersville St**	F11	**Richmond**
J10	VPI	F14	**S Carolina**
J14	Richmond	F18	**N Carolina**
J17	**James Madison**	F21	**Old Dominion**
J19	Catholic	F24	**Virginia Cmnwlth**
J21	**VPI**	F26	**St Mary's**
J24	Old Dominion	F28	**George Mason**

WISCONSIN

D1	Alabama	J29	Ohio St
D5	**Wisconsin**	J31	**Michigan**

D6	**Invitational**	F5	Indiana
D9	**Ball St**	F7	Michigan
D12	First Union	F12	**Illinois**
D13	Invitational	F14	**Indiana**
D22	**Texas Southern**	F19	Michigan St
D31	**Central Michigan**	F21	**Ohio St**
J8	Minnesota	F26	Purdue
J10	Northwestern	F28	Iowa
J15	**Iowa**	M5	**Northwestern**
J17	**Purdue**	M7	**Minnesota**
J22	**Michigan St**	M10	**Marquette**
J24	Illinois		

WYOMING, U of

N28	Nebraska	J17	Colorado St
D2	**Midwestern**	J23	Utah
D4	**Stanford**	J24	BYU
D6	**Adams St**	J27	**Nevada-Las Vegas**
D11	Boise St	J31	**Air Force**
D13	Southern Cal	F5	**Hawaii**
D16	**W Montana**	F7	**San Diego St**
D19	Bluebonnet	F12	New Mexico
D20	Classic	F14	Texas-El Paso
D29	IL-Chicago Circle	F21	**Colorado St**
J2	San Diego St	F26	**Brigham Young**
J5	Hawaii	F28	**Utah**
J9	**Texas-El Paso**	M6	Air Force
J10	**New Mexico**	M7	Nevada-Las Vegas

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D1	**Union**	J24	Detroit
D4	**Thomas More**	J26	**Marquette**
D8	**Ohio Wesleyan**	J28	**Oral Roberts**
D10	LaSalle	F4	Evansville
D13	**Miami**	F7	Butler
D22	Lousiana St	F10	Marquette
D29	Lobo	F14	**Loyola**
D30	Classic	F18	Cincinnati
J6	Holy Cross	F22	Dayton
J10	**Dayton**	F25	**Cleveland St**
J12	Oral Roberts	F28	**Evansville**
J14	Oklahoma City	M3	MCC
J17	Butler	M8	Tournament
J19	Loyola		

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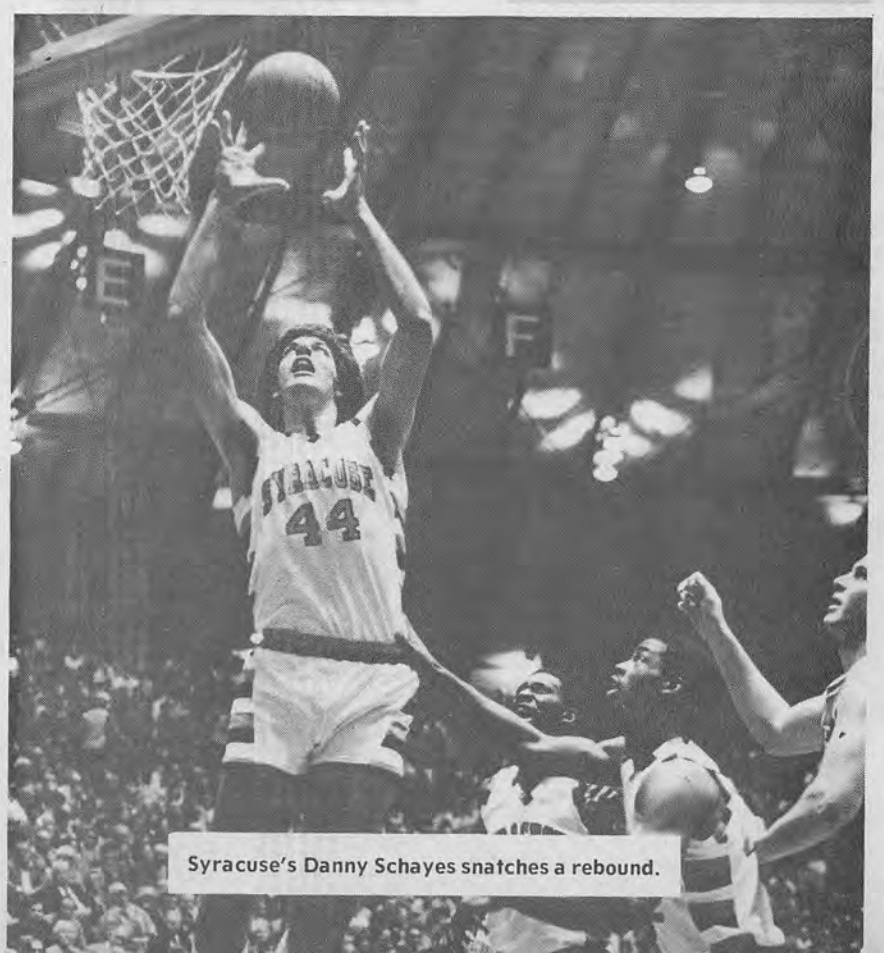
D1	Connecticut	J30	**Colgate**
D4	**Fordham**	F2	**Dartmouth**
D8	**Holy Cross**	F8	Cornell
D10	Brown	F9	Columbia
D27	**US International**	F12	**Brown**
D31	N Carolina	F15	**Penn**
J5	**Harvard**	F16	**Princeton**
J11	Princeton	F18	**Union**
J12	Penn	F22	**Columbia**
J15	**Army**	F23	**Cornell**
J19	Navy	F29	Dartmouth
J23	**New Hampshire**	M1	Harvard
J26	**Fairfield**		



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